

Affordable Housing Advisory Board

Minutes of April 12, 2011

Members Present: Jonzella Bailey-Pridham, Diane Beecham, Mark Johnson, Rashii Purefoy, Nannie Richmond, Jabrina Robinson and James Stroud

Members Absent: Alex Babbitt, Lynda Baker, Patsy Barbee and Martha Hoylman

Staff Present: Tara L. Fikes, Roxanne W. Reynolds

Guest: Megan Wooley, Town of Chapel Hill Planning Department

Welcome/Introduction

Jabrina Robinson chaired the meeting due to the absence of Chair Patsy Barbee and Co-Chair Lynda Baker. She asked for a brief introduction for the benefit of the new members and guest.

Public Comments

None

Chapel Hill Affordable Housing Outreach Session

Megan Wooley, Town of Chapel Hill facilitated the outreach session for the Chapel Hill Affordable Housing Strategy. The purpose of this strategy is to build a more comprehensive understanding of the affordable housing system in Chapel Hill. The agenda for the session is incorporated as an attachment to the minutes. After much discussion, Megan stated that a one page strategy report would be developed based on input received from the outreach sessions. Fikes requested a copy of this report to distribute to board members.

Minutes

James Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting and Rashii Purefoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Spring Bus Tour

The Advisory Board discussed scheduling another bus trip for new members to visit affordable housing projects in Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough and unincorporated areas. The members agreed to schedule the tour on Saturday, June 4, 2011 from 9:30 – 1pm.

Report of the Chair

None

Department Report

Tara Fikes provided the following information.

- Fikes stated that Jabrina Robinson's second term on the Advisory Board would be completed as of June 30, 2011. The names of Patsy Barbee, Mark Johnson and Nannie Richmond will need to be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for reappointment if they are still interested in serving another term.
- The Eno Haven Apartments Open House will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011.
- Fikes reported that she had received information from several professional groups regarding the federal budget cuts for 2011. She is waiting for an official notice from HUD regarding the allocations of funds for the department.
- Fikes mentioned that she and the Staff Attorney attended a foreclosure hearing regarding Whitted Forest Apartments. The owner is interested in selling the property to a non-profit group.
- The May 10, 2011 meeting will be held at the Richard E. Whitted Building in Hillsborough.

Other Business

James Stroud made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nannie Richmond seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Roxanne W. Reynolds