

Affordable Housing Advisory Board

Minutes of May 10, 2011

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

Members Absent: Alex Babbitt, Lynda Baker, Martha Hoylman and Jabrina Robinson

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

Welcome/Introduction

Chair Patsy Barbee welcomed everyone to the meeting. She apologized for her absence at the April 12, 2011 meeting.

Public Comments

Mark Johnson announced that the Chapel Hill Town Council voted to approve the Special Use Permit application for the new Community House at 1315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill. The permit was approved for both the 52-bed men's transitional housing facility and with emergency shelter provision for seventeen men.

Minutes

James Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting and Nannie Richmond seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Spring Bus Tour –Saturday, June 4th

Board members reviewed the tour destination list for the Spring Bus Tour and requested some minor adjustments. Fikes will develop an itinerary for the tour based on the feedback received. Refreshments will be provided. The tour destination list is incorporated as an attachment to the minutes.

Non-Departmental Funding Applications

Fikes reported that the Manager's budget proposes that the non-profit organizations that AHAB reviewed receive the same funding next year that they received in the current fiscal year.

Housing Bond Program

Fikes discussed and distributed the memorandum that was submitted to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) providing an update of the Affordable Housing Bond Program. The memorandum is incorporated as an attachment to the minutes.

Community Home Trust Proposal

The Community Home Trust has requested by letter that the BOCC support their plans to serve households earning up to 115% of median income which is an increase from the previous target population of households earning up to 80% of median income. In turn, the BOCC has asked for AHAB to review this request and provide its comments/recommendation regarding this matter. The Community Home Trust letter is incorporated as an attachment to the minutes.

After some discussion, board members raised three issues: 1)What will the mix – those below 80% and those above 80% - look like?; 2) What is the CHT Board's preference; and 3) Reiteration that no subsidy dollars should be used for families above 80%. Fikes will investigate these issues and report back.

Board Members Reappointments

James Stroud made a motion to accept Patsy Barbee, Mark Johnson and Nannie Richmond for a seconded term on the Advisory Board. Rashii Purefoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Chair

Patsy Barbee asked for an update on the bankruptcy proceedings for Whitted Forest Apartments. Fikes stated that there are plans for an auction to be held in June and that a non-profit group has expressed is interest in purchasing the property.

Department Report

Tara Fikes provided the following information.

- The Eno Haven Apartments Open House will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011.
- The June 14, 2011 meeting will be held at the Southern Human Services Center, Chapel Hill.

Other Business

Mark Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and James Stroud second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Roxanne W. Reynolds