

Affordable Housing Advisory Board

Minutes of September 11, 2012

Members Present: Katherine Doom, Nannie Richmond, Arthur Sprinczeles, James Stroud

Members Absent: Jonzella Bailey-Pridham, Patsy Barbee, Diane Beecham

Staff Present: Tara L. Fikes, David Saconn and Roxanna Warren

Guest: Teri Driscoll, Dee Jackola, Andrea Shannon and Christopher Wehrman

Welcome/Introduction

Arthur Sprinczeles chaired the meeting due to the absence of the Chair Patsy Barbee. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for brief introductions for the benefit of the guests.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2012 and August 14, 2012

Arthur Sprinczeles made a motion to approve the minutes of May 8, 2012 meeting and James Stroud seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. James Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes of August 14, 2012 meeting and Arthur Sprinczeles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Habitat for Humanity – Rusch Hollow Bond Project

Fikes discussed and provided members with a Proposal from Habitat for Humanity for the construction of a duplex in the Rusch Hollow subdivision. Habitat proposes to build duplex that will provide rental housing to two elderly individuals. The Proposal is incorporated as an attachment to the minutes.

Members wanted to know if the units would serve the disabled and/or elderly and stated that Habitat should consider design changes to make it more accessible for the elderly. Fikes briefly discussed and distributed the 2001 Housing Bond Program Update as a status report to members as they considered this Proposal. This information is incorporated as an attachment to the minutes. Arthur Sprinczeles made a motion to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) the award of \$130,000 to Habitat for Humanity for the Rusch Hollow Duplex. Katherine Doom seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Current Year Action Plan

The group briefly discussed the Board's current year plan.

- Katherine Doom stated that she is still working on getting log-in information for the Facebook Page.
- An updated Housing Bond Status Report will be provided to the BOCC at the time the Habitat proposal is submitted.

October 9, 2012 BOCC Meeting

Given that the current board is in the midst of rebuilding its membership, the current board decided to postpone the October 9th meeting until sometime in the Spring of 2013. Arthur Sprinczeles made a motion for postponement that was seconded the motion by Nannie Richmond and passed unanimously.

Urgent Repair Program

David Saconn - Housing Rehabilitation Specialist in the Department presented basic information regarding the Orange County Urgent Repair Program in 1994. Currently, the BOCC has

budgeted \$75,000 for repairs under this program which we also received \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for this program in 2010.

The Urgent Repair Program alleviates housing conditions which pose an imminent threat to the life and safety of very low and low-income homeowners with special needs; and provides accessibility modifications and other repairs necessary to prevent displacement of very low and low-income homeowners with special needs such as frail elderly and persons with disabilities. Board members were asked to help spread the word about the program particularly to those that may qualify. Additionally, Saconn also discussed the need for qualified rehabilitation contractors to work in the program. The application for them is available on the county's website.

Board Membership

James Stroud made a motion to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) the appointment of Teri Driscoll, Dee Jackola, Andrew Shannon and Christopher Wehrman to the Affordable Housing Advisory Board. Katherine Doom seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Department Report

The 6th Annual Project Connect Orange County will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2012; 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hargraves Community Center, Chapel Hill. Project Connect is a free event that links people who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness to essential services.

Other Business

Nannie Richmond inquired about the eligibility process for Eno Haven Apartments. Fikes stated that she would have this information available at the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted:
Roxanna Warren