

Affordable Housing Advisory Board

Minutes of September 13, 2011

Members Present: Jonzella Bailey-Pridham, Lynda Baker, Patsy Barbee, Martha Hoylman, Mark Johnson, Anna McDonald Dobbs, Rashii Purefoy and Nannie Richmond

Members Absent: Alex Babbitt, Diane Beecham, James Stroud

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

Welcome/Introduction

Patsy Barbee welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comments

None

Minutes

Mark Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011 meeting and Anna McDonald Dobbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mobile Home Park Survey, Standards Follow-up

Fikes provided a copy of the 2010 Manufactured Homes Survey Summary to board members and provided a brief summary of the Survey and the raw data chart from which it was derived for the benefit of the new members. This information is incorporated as an attachment to the minutes. Board members expressed interest in approaching the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regarding the establishment of Mobile Home Park Standards in Orange County. Fikes stated that Alex Babbitt agreed to seek information regarding park standards and moving costs. The board agreed to begin to research mobile home standards from other communities.

Housing Bond Program Recommendation Follow-up

Members were provided a copy of the Orange County Housing Bond Policy that was approved in December 1998 and the document is incorporated into these minutes by reference. There is approximately \$143,304 remaining in bond funds and the board agreed to finalize their recommendation to the BOCC for expenditure of these funds at the next meeting.

Board Workplan – Follow-up

The Advisory Board briefly discussed the following future work items.

1. Develop recommendation for unallocated Affordable Housing Bond Funds;
 - Disaster relief (perhaps for mobile homes)
 - Permanent housing for the homeless
 - Repairs for Club Nova Apartments in Chapel Hill.
2. Develop a communication plan to keep the need for affordable housing in the community conversation.
3. Seek assistance from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Journalism regarding developing a community wide media campaign for the County and Chapel Hill, Hillsborough and Carrboro. (Anna MacDonald Dobbs will contact the School of Journalism.

Martha suggested that the workplan items should be included on the agenda each month as a constant reminder.

New Board Members Applications

This item was tabled for the next meeting due to Diane Beecham's absence.

Report of the Chair

Patsy Barbee stated that she had received concerns from citizens regarding Greenbridge Condos in Chapel Hill. She had also heard that they were accepting Section 8 tenants which Fikes confirmed as not being true.

Department Report

Fikes provided a brief presentation regarding Energy Efficient Programs in Chapel Hill/Carrboro. This information is available on the Town of Chapel Hill and the Town of Carrboro website.

Other Business

The next AHAB meeting will be held on October 11, 2011 at the Southern Human Services Center in Chapel Hill.

Mark Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jonzella Bailey-Pridham seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:
Roxanne W. Reynolds