

Lenox Affordable Housing Committee

December 10, 2007

Minutes

Members present: Dave Klausmeyer (DK), Chair, Roscoe Sandlin (RS)), Theresa Ahrens (TA), Jo Anne Magee(JM), and Olga Weiss(OW), Patty Quinn (PQ)and Kate McNulty-Vaughan (KV).

Also in attendance: Mary Albertson (MA), Town Planner.

Roscoe Sandlin (RS) and Debbie Burke (DB) absent with notification.

DK opened the meeting at 5:15 PM. Members reviewed the minutes and voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

DK will attend the Berkshire Blue Print Presentation and report back to the group at the next meeting. He will also report to the committee on the Tri-County Alliance efforts. OW distributed an article regarding regional resources. The committee discussed how to participate in regional efforts to address affordable housing.

The sub-committee members offered a report regarding their work on preparing the plan. TA distributed a handout on affordable housing options. She explained that the sub-committee listed a number of options and tried to identify the pros and cons. The sub-committee members need feedback from the committee.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the Curtis project. The sub-committee suggested opening the Curtis to all age groups. PQ is on the Housing Authority and will check on restrictions and report back to the committee. It was noted that this would not add units to the inventory but it might provide additional housing opportunities for families. Members agreed to review all the housing options presented by the sub-committee with the goal of coming to a consensus on the best options at the next meeting.

MA offered a brief review of the CPA – Affordable Housing workshop she attended last month. The handouts from the workshop were emailed to members. She suggested that an Affordable Housing Trust Fund would be a good tool.

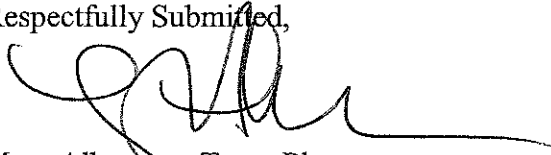
Members agreed to complete two homework assignments for the next meeting.

1. Review the tables TA prepared and offered feedback.
2. Review the sub-committee affordable housing options and prioritize top options.

Members discussed future meeting dates. JM & DK cannot attend the previously scheduled January 14 meeting and the meeting date was changed to January 7. MA noted she has a conflict and will not be able to attend the January 7 meeting. There is a regular meeting scheduled for January 28. Meetings start at 5:15 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Albertson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary Albertson, Town Planner

Approved:

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