



**Town of Shelter Island
Community Housing Board
April 27, 2009
Minutes**

Members Present: Co-Chair Hoot Sherman, Bruce Saul, Richard Zaun, Mike Bebon,
Town Liaison: Glenn Waddington

Members Excused: Co-Chair Healey, Town Liaison: Christine Lewis

Opened meeting at 7:00 PM

The Board approved the minutes of the March 30, 2009 meeting.

Old Business:

Review of Presentation by Mr. John Sieni:

The CHB recapped that Mr. Sieni's proposed layout, if approved, would culminate in a total of 11 bedrooms on a $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of property. After careful review of the property and surrounding properties, the CHB agreed that this proposal would create very high density.

Co-Chair Sherman indicated that he would take a closer look at the area and speak with Mr. Sieni, and the SCHD.

Community Development Block Grant:

The CHB reviewed the memo from Laury Dowd regarding possible funding from the Community Development Block Grant program for \$17,000.

Co-Chair Sherman reported that he inquired of Laury Dowd if this grant can be used for anything other than minor repairs, which she was unable to answer. Member Bebon indicated that he will contact Suffolk County Community Development and inquire further.

The CHB reviewed and discussed possible ways to raise money to be used for low cost loans, and agreed that a meeting should be set up with SIHOP.

Registry Applications:

Co-Chair Sherman reviewed the two applications that have been received, noting that both have been submitted by single mothers, one with adult children, and one with two young children.

LIHP:

The CHB reviewed and discussed the suggestion by Co-Chair Healey to invite Diana Weir to host a public informational meeting, and agreed this should be arranged.

Advertisement:

The CHB reviewed and discussed various ways and language to be used to create an advertisement geared to informing and enticing the community to create affordable housing on Shelter Island. Various ideas were considered, including the following: 1) the ability to legalize illegal apartments, 2) the ability to generate an additional income, 3) the ability to create an apartment for a family member or friend in need of affordable housing, 4) to remind the community that laws have been passed to create affordable housing and that the CHB is actively seeking interest on the part of property owners.

Mr. Saul indicated that he will draft an advertisement for review and comment at the next meeting scheduled for May 26, 2009.

Meeting Adjourned 7:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees & Boards