



**Town of Shelter Island
Community Housing Board
May 26, 2009
Minutes**

Members Present: Richard Zaun, Mike Bebon, Co-Chair Healey

Members Excused: Co-Chair Hoot Sherman, Bruce Saul, Town Liaison: Christine Lewis, Town Liaison: Glenn Waddington

Others Present: Cara Loriz

Opened meeting at 7:00 PM

The Board approved the minutes of the April 27, 2009 meeting.

Old Business:

Advertisement:

The CHB carefully reviewed and discussed the ad drafted by Member Saul. They considered substituting more positive language and making the ad more informational. The CHB agreed to put more thought into what would attract homeowners to submit an application and tabled this issue until the next meeting.

Sieni Proposal:

Co-Chair Healey reported that Co-Chair Sherman has not yet spoken to the SCHD regarding the proposal presented by Mr. Sieni.

The CHB discussed the density issue and also the benefits of the location of this proposal.

Community Development Block Grant:

Member Bebon reported that the Town receives an allocation for this grant money, and the CHB could apply to use a portion of the money that the Town receives. He further reported that the Community Development Block Grant cannot be used for building any sort of housing, and that it is mainly used for public infrastructure and those sorts of projects.

Member Bebon stated that there is also a Home program, which is a federally funded program, and the eligibility sounded very much like what the Town and County have in their current law. He further stated that they can offer down payment assistance and GAP financing. He also stated that they often tie into the Work Force Housing Group and their projects. He was told that if the CHB has a specific project they are welcome to submit it for discussion.

New Business:

Town Website:

Co-Chair Healey suggested that the CHB consider developing a link from the Town Website to a CHB page of information, as well as, LIHP information, that would be helpful to the community. Member Zaun indicated that he would begin developing a draft webpage.

LIHP:

Co-Chair Healey indicated that she will continue to try to connect with Sean McLean, President of the SI Chamber of Commerce, to schedule a LIHP workshop regarding their Employer Down Payment Program because there may be employers such as the ferry companies and IGA who may be interested in supporting this program.

SIHOP:

Co-Chair Healey reported that she has received e-mails from both Pat Shillingburg and Alan Kraus in regard to the Calebro property that is for sale on Menantic Road. She stated that SIHOP can certainly help with fundraisers, and she indicated that Member Sherman will be scheduling a future meeting with SIHOP and the CHB.

Registry Applications:

Co-Chair Healey recapped that two applications from possible tenants have been submitted. She further stated that, to her surprise, there have not been any applications submitted for applicants looking to create housing for family members.

Comprehensive Plan:

Ms. Loriz reported that the Comprehensive Plan Committee has suggested converting the second floor of centrally located businesses into affordable housing. Co-Chair Healey stated that there has been a formal interface between the CHB and the Comprehensive Plan Committee, and Don Kornrumpf did contact her to discuss what the CHB was working on.

Meeting Adjourned 7:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees & Boards