



**Town of Shelter Island
Community Housing Board
February 22, 2010
Minutes**

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

Members Excused: Co-Chair Hoot Sherman, Bruce Saul, Town Liaisons: Chris Lewis, Glenn Waddington

Opened meeting at 7:00 PM

Minutes from November 23, 2009 were approved.

Old Business:

Draft Advertisement:

Co-Chair Healey reported that Co-Chair Sherman was going to have Joann Sherman take a look at the draft advertisement, but they have left for vacation. Co-Chair Healey indicated that she will look at the ad more closely. The CHB agreed that the ad should be directed toward people who need affordable housing, as well as people who can provide affordable housing.

SIHOP Interface:

Co-Chair Healey reported that she spoke with Cliff Clark who is unavailable because he is serving on other boards and committees, but he would like to be kept advised of the Board's efforts. She stated that Mr. Clark believes that some of his employees may benefit from this Board's efforts.

Co-Chair Healey reported that Co-Chair Sherman indicated that he would speak with Ms. Roberts and some others, so she will speak with him to find out how he made out.

CHB Web Page Update:

Member Zaun reported that the home page will should contain the mission statement of the Community Housing Board, and possibly the laws. He stated that he would like to create a tab for forms and applications, and another tab for useful resources, and possibly two more tabs to be used in the future for special projects and announcements.

He indicated that he will continue working on this project and speak with Mary Ellen for technical help in setting up the Web Page.

Community Block Grants:

Co-Chair Healey reported that the Block Grants are available for very specific incidences and it does not appear that they will be available for helping private citizens.

New Business:

Potential Community Housing License:

Member Zaun reported that he spoke briefly with Mr. Sieni. Co-Chair Healey stated that Co-Chair Sherman has tried to relay to him how this Board may be able to help him, and has also invited him to attend our meetings. It was noted that Mr. Sieni still shows interest in the proposed project. She also reported that Chris Lewis has indicated that she will approach him in the near future.

2010 Scheduled Meeting Dates:

The Community Housing Board approved the 2010 scheduled meeting dates except for the December 27, 2010 date, which they agreed was not a good time to meet.

Yokefellow University Ministry Senior Housing:

Co-Chair Healey stated that this is a group who builds senior housing and affordable housing in various areas.

She reported that Co-Chair Sherman spoke with one of the members who noted that they have not acquired the land to use for a project of this kind on Shelter Island. She stated that she will invite him to attend a future CHB meeting.

Economic Development and Work Force Housing;

Co-Chair Healey reported that she attended a meeting with Chris Lewis and Supervisor Dougherty to meet the new Commissioner, and the Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator.

Co-Chair Healey reported that she updated the group about the projects that the CHB is interested in doing, including speaking with the Chamber of Commerce. She opined that the new Commissioner seems motivated, and noted that he can recommend speakers to attend. She further reported that Barbara Bloom, who is the secretary to the Chamber also joined the meeting .

Co-Chair Healey stated that she is hoping the CHB and the Chamber can schedule a half day seminar, regarding handling business planning and employer assisted housing, on a Saturday morning in March. She also stated that the County will get back with available dates. It was noted that the Lion's Club meets regularly and seems to be very active, and she has hopes to combine the two groups.

Co-Chair Healey further reported that a suggestion was made to host a seminar dealing with handling finances in difficult times, to help educate and guide people who are in trouble of losing their homes.

Co-Chair Healey reported that she mentioned the Sieni property at the meeting, and the Commissioner indicated that they could work with the CHB to make that work; and Chris Lewis indicated that she would speak with Mr. Sieni.

Co-Chair Healey reported that the Supervisor requested the CHB attend a Town Board Work Session and update the Board on their ideas and proposed and current projects.

Seniors:

Co-Chair Healey reported that she plans to schedule a meeting with Henrietta Roberts and Supervisor Dougherty, to advise the seniors about the feasibility of creating an affordable apartment in their homes.

List for Affordable Housing:

Co-Chair Healey noted that after reviewing an older list, she noted that some of the people on the list have purchased homes since the prices have dropped, and others have found rentals.

Meeting Adjourned 7:33 PM

Respectfully Submitted
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Clerk to the Committees & Boards

