

HOUSING RESOURCES COMMISSION

Quarterly Meeting

Rhode Island Foundation, 1 Union Station, Providence, RI

June 25, 2004

M I N U T E S

The regular quarterly meeting of the RI Housing Resources Commission was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

John O'Brian

Housing Resources Commission staff:

Ray Neirinck

Commissioners present were:

Susan Baxter

Edward Stachurski

Kevin Flynn

David Hammarström

Jeanne Cola

Robert McDonough

Terence Tierney

Noreen Shawcross

Angela Lovegrove

Brenda Clement

Peter Walsh

Joseph Caffey

Dennis Langley

Valerie Voccio

Simon Kue

Darlene Price

Rhode Island Housing staff:

Richard H. Godfrey, Jr.

Susan Bodington

Brenda Cianciolo

Julia Gomez

Amy Rainone

Chris Gorham

Guests:

Marie Stoeckel, D.O.H

Sheila Brush, Grow Smart RI

Patricia Martinez, Governor's Office

Pursuant to Chapter 46 of Title 42 General Laws of Rhode Island, notice of this meeting was posted at the State House and at RI Housing Resources Commission offices.

1. Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2004:

The Chair called for the approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of March 12, 2004.

Upon a motion duly made by Joseph Caffey and seconded by Kevin Flynn it was unanimously

voted to approve the minutes of the quarterly meeting held on March

12, 2004.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 29, 2004:

Special meeting on Travelers Aid. Upon a motion by Joseph Caffey and seconded by Peter Walsh the minutes were approved with no comment.

3. Report of the Chair:

Ms. Baxter presented her report on the following:

 Staffing: The Chair discussed the need for staff in order to implement the requirements of the State Housing Act and the lead mitigation act.

 The Chair reported on her participation with the RI Foundation and United Way to promote State Housing Legislation.

4. Budget Report:

Susan Bodington gave her report. No action taken.

5. Report on the Lead Hazard Mitigation Regulations:

A Report was given on progress in implementing the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act. Classes have been held for more than 3,000 individuals. The Governor's Office authorized the HRC to hire 4 temps to answer the 1-800 line. The Act has been postponed until July 1, 2005.

6. Emergency Revisions to the Lead Hazard Mitigation Regulations:

On a motion by Brenda Clement and seconded by Joseph Caffey, it was voted to allow the Chair to make emergency changes to the Lead Hazard Mitigation Regulations to conform to the revised Act.

7. Report of the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act:

Susan Baxter gave the report on the new revised law. Ms. Baxter summarized the responsibilities of the HRC under the new Act

including the preparation of a State Strategic Housing Plan, technical assistance to municipalities membership on the Land Trust Commission and membership on the State Planning Commission.

8. Open Doors Coalition:

The Chair reported that the HRC has signed on to the Open Doors Coalition. The coalition is an outcome of the housing table that has been meeting at the Rhode Island Foundation. Open Doors serves as an advocacy tool to promote the new State Housing Legislation.

On a motion by David Hammarstrom and second by Peter Walsh, it was Voted Unanimously to participate in Open Doors.

9. Approval of NOP funding under the Family and Permanent Housing:

Resolved that the Commission approves the allocation of \$480,000 under the Family Housing fund of the Neighborhood Opportunities Program to produce 24 units of rental housing as follows:

Church Community Housing Corporation \$80,000

Trinity Financial, Inc. \$400,000

Approved on a Motion by: David Hammarstrom Second by: Terence Tierney

Abstained: Brenda Clement

10. Approval of NOP funding under the Building Better Communities Fund:

Resolved that the Commission approves the allocation of \$670,000 under the Neighborhood Opportunities Program, Building Better Communities Fund as Follows:

McCauley House \$50,000

Woonsocket Neighborhood Development Corp. \$160,000

West Bay CAP \$100,000

Narragansett Affordable Housing \$200,000

Welcome House \$160,000

Approved on a Motion by: Terence Tierney Second by: Dennis Langley

Abstained: Brenda Clement and Jeanne Cola

11. Interagency Council on Homelessness:

The Chair reported that the Interagency Council met in May to review a report to the Governor on homelessness. The Council has ask the Governor for an extension until September to submit the report. The letter also recommends that Harrington Hall be kept open for an

additional four months. A copy of the letter will be provided to the Commission.

12. Reports of the Office Co-Chairs

13. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

A public comment period was held.

*** The next HRC quarterly meeting will be held on Friday, September 10, 2004.**