

HOUSING RESOURCES COMMISSION

Quarterly Meeting

Crossroads Rhode Island, 160 Broad Street Providence, RI

September 10, 2004

MINUTES

The regular quarterly meeting of the RI Housing Resources Commission was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

Commissioners present were:

Susan Baxter

Joseph Caffey

Susan Sweet

Brenda Clement

Edward Stachurski

Kevin Flynn

Robert McDonough

Terence Tierney

Noreen Shawcross

Christian Stephens

Stephen Vadnais

Valarie Voccio

Marie Stoeckel

Barbara Fields Karlin

Dennis Langley

Housing Resources Commission Staff:

Simon Kue

Darlene Price

Ray Neirinckx

Rhode Island Housing staff:

Susan Bodington

Richard H. Godfrey, Jr.

Brenda Cianciolo

Noemi Picon

Amy Rainone

Chris Gorham

Guests:

Deborah Marisi, RICH

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 June 25,2004

The Chair called for the approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of June 25, 2004

Upon a motion duly made by Joseph Caffey and seconded by Terence Tierney it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of

the quarterly meeting held on June 25, 2004.

2. Report of the Chair:

Ms. Baxter presented her report on the following:

 The Chair discussed the staffing plans and budget in order to continue to implement the Lead Mitigation Act.

 The Chair reported Open Doors initiated by the RI Foundation and United Way is underway. She has continued to attend their housing meetings.

 Harrington Hall is open and operating. The state committed \$160,00 in the supplemental budget as requested by the Housing Resource Commission.

 The Executive committee approved the staffing plans and recommends the 2005 budget.

3. Budget Report:

Susan Bodington gave her final report on the 2004 budget. No action taken.

4. Proposed Future Staffing plan :

 The HRC has applied for a HUD grant to fund implementation of the Lead Mitigation Act including two new employees to assist Simon, a Technical Assistance Center Coordinator and a Resource Assistant.

 The Proposed Future Staffing Plan would consolidate state and federal funds for housing and community development under the

Housing Resource Commission. This includes all shelter funds as well as the CDBG program.

Motion: Barbara Fields Karlin

2nd: Susan Sweet

Vote: Unanimously approved

5. Approval of the FY05 Budget:

A FY05 budget consistent with the approved state budget was presented to the Commission.

Motion: Susan Sweet

2nd: Joseph Caffey

Vote: Approved with an abstention by Brenda Clement.

6. Approval of the FY06 proposed Budget:

A budget was presented based on the revised staffing plans.

Motion: Susan Sweet

2nd: Joseph Caffey

Vote: Approved with an abstention by Brenda Clement.

7. Outreach plan for the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act

Report by Simon Kue.

Simon reported on a Lead Mitigation Outreach Plan for September 2004 to July 2005. Plan includes a new media campaign to prepare for the July 1, 2005 enactment date of the Law, outreach and training for property owners, increasing the number of inspectors and improving the HRC website.

8. Schedule for development of the Strategic Housing Plan

Report from Susan.

Outline of schedule for development of the Strategic Housing Plan from hiring staff to final approval by statewide planning. The schedule runs from September 2004 through July 2006. The hiring process will begin starting in November.

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

Report from Darlene Price: Darlene reported the recommendations of the Office of Homelessness.

Resolution #9: That the Commission approves the allocation of \$863,240 under the Family Housing fund of the Neighborhood Opportunities Program to produce 18 units of rental housing as follows:

Woonsocket Neighborhood Development Corporation \$410,000

Crossroads Rhode Island \$453,240

Motion: Dennis Langley

2nd: Terence Tierney

Vote: Approved by the commission Brenda Clement and Barbara Fields Karlin abstained.

10. Approval of NOP Funding under the Building Better Communities Funds:

Reported by Ray Neirinckx

Ray corrected the requested funds to \$899,435 and reported the recommendations of the Office of Community Development.

Motion: Dennis Langley

2nd: Susan Sweet

Vote: Approved by the commission Brenda Clement and Barbara Fields Karlin abstained.

11. Report from the Interagency Council on Homelessness:

Report by Noreen Shawcross.

Recommending that Harrington Hall will be kept open for 2004. DHS offered assistance if needed to help with case management. A draft report is in production on the homeless plan of the state for the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

12. Reports of the Office Co-Chairs :

Included in the package.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

A public comment period was held.

 Noreen Shawcross recognized the WNDG/THN report on the income/housing gap

 Bob McDonough reported that DHS has changed FIP role to allow ex-offenders to apply for food stamps.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM

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