

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

A meeting of the Trustees of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund of Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation was scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at the Offices of the Corporation, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI.

Trustees in attendance were Richard Godfrey, Anthony J. Marouchoc, and Thomas Hogg.

Pursuant to Chapter 46 of Title 42 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, notice of the meeting of the Trustees was posted in the Offices of Rhode Island Housing, and at the first floor bulletin board in the State House.

The Trustees convened the meeting at approximately 9:43 a.m.

Approval of Minutes of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Meeting Held February 23, 2006

Upon a motion made by Tom Hogg and seconded by Anthony Marouchoc the following was approved:

VOTED: That the Minutes of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Meeting held February 23, 2006 be, and hereby are, approved.

Preliminary Approval of Financing for The Colony Apartments

Mr. Hogg presented this request.

This Request for Action (RFA) is for approval of financing for Women's Development Corporation (WDC) to acquire and preserve property located at 625 Public Street in Providence (The Colony Apartments). WDC has requested secondary financing through the Trust to preserve the 17 unit Section 8 development.

For the past five years, WDC has been negotiating with the former owner, Antonio Giordanno, and HUD to acquire and preserve The Colony Apartments. Two separate applications were filed by WDC through the Mark up to Market Program to increase the Section 8 rents at the site and to provide resources necessary for code improvements. In both instances, HUD failed to approve adequate rents and capital for the site. In May 2006, HUD seized the property at 625 Public Street through mortgage in possession. In May 2006, HUD took over The Colony Apartments as mortgagee in possession. In July 2006, Rhode Island Housing provided bridge financing to WDC under the land bank program to pay off the existing mortgage held by HUD on the property. A Section 15 budget based rent increase has been submitted to HUD by WDC. We anticipate this increase to be approved based upon a rent comparability analysis commissioned by WDC.

The site consists of 17 project-based Section 8 units located in one elevator structure. There are 6 efficiencies, 8 one bedroom and 3 two bedroom units in the building. Only seven of the units are occupied due to the multiple code violations at the site. Current residents are living in substandard conditions. Approximately \$1 million in rehabilitation will be conducted at the site which will include upgrades to the apartments and the exterior, plumbing and heating repairs, ADA improvements, roof replacement, fire code improvements and repair of the elevator.

The financing for this transaction will consist of a 40-year first mortgage from Rhode Island Housing and secondary financing through the Affordable Housing Trust. Other sources include Rhode Island Housing HOME funds, City of Providence Trust funds, and Neighborhood Opportunities Program funding.

The Request for Action is for commitment of a secondary financing in an amount up to \$223,000 for The Colony Apartments.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Godfrey and seconded by Mr. Marouchoc the following resolution was adopted:

**Resolution of the Board of Trustees
of The Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

Whereas: The Affordable Housing Trust Fund (the “Trust”) is authorized to provide financing to mortgagors or sponsors for the development of housing to be occupied by low and moderate-income persons or families of Rhode Island;

Whereas: The applicant (“Applicant”) has presented an application requesting financing to preserve the property as set forth below (the “Development”):

<u>Development</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Trust Financing</u>
625 Public Street, Providence	Women’s Development Corporation	\$223,000

Whereas: Trustees have reviewed the submission and determined that the Development qualifies for financing under the Trust Agreement dated July 1, 1988, as amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:

Resolved: That the Trust hereby declares firm commitment of financing to Women’s Development Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$223,000 for the acquisition and rehabilitation of rental housing located at 625 Public Street in Providence, Rhode Island.

Resolved: That the Trustees are authorized to set the terms and conditions of the financing as they deem advisable and in the best interests of the Trust, and be, and are hereby authorized to take any actions as they deem necessary to carry out this Resolution.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m. was made by Mr. Hogg and seconded by Mr. Marouchoc.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Godfrey, Jr.
Secretary and Executive Director