

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

Minutes

I. Roll Call

Anissa Rasmussen called roll. Nine of thirteen Commissioners were present. Mary Jo Bousek, Ardith Hoins, Tom Huston, Thomas Judds, DiAnn Kolkman, Ken Lyons, Kathryn Mesner, Erin Porterfield and Ann Beseke-Rouch. Absent Commissioners were: Robin Hollman, Roger Nadrchal, Melissa Robinson-Henscheid, and Brent Williams.

II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson Ardith Hoins called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Chairperson Ardith Hoins declared a quorum at 1:08 p.m.

III. Introductions:

Chairperson Ardith Hoins welcomed guests and asked them to introduce themselves. Guests present were: Sharon Klurk, USDA Rural Development; Paula Rhian, Excel Development Group; Danielle Hill, NHDA; Charles Coley, DHHS; Bob Doty, Anissa Rasmussen, Lindsay Schmuecker and Lydia Wiles, Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED).

IV. Public Comment

Paula Rhian distributed a letter that was addressed to the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the Housing Trust Fund Program. The letter noted recommendations that Excel Development would like addressed. Tom Huston said the Policy and Issues Committee will respond to Excel's letter at a later date.

V. Approve March 11, 2010 meeting minutes.

Thomas Judds moved that the August 4, 2010 meeting minutes be approved. Ken Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VI. Approve Revised Bylaws

Tom Huston moved to approve the revised bylaws. Thomas Judds seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VII. Executive Committee

Barb Ostrum has resigned and Alan Green has put in his resignation. There have been two people who are interested in being a commissioner.

VIII. Report from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

Charles Coley has already sent a report via email to the Commissioners.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

DiAnn Kolkman reported. It was discussed to send a survey to the committees and organizations to find out if the information that was sent about Housing & Homelessness week was helpful. This survey would also gather thoughts and ideas for when they send out next year's packet. DiAnn talked about doing some research about buying some radio air time to advertise Housing & Homelessness Week.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Kathy Mesner reported that they didn't meet this quarter.

4. Ad Hoc Committee on Ending Chronic Homelessness

Charles Coley reported via email to the Commissioners. The Federal government revealed its first ever 10 year plan to end homelessness. The Federal plan will help empower the local entities regarding the many issues and future challenges they face with ending homelessness.

IX: Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Community Action of Nebraska – Ardith Hoins reported.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development – Bob Doty reported.

Department of Health and Human Services Agency – Charles Coley reported.

Midwest Housing Equity Group – Thomas Judds reported.

Nebraska Housing Developers Association & REACH – Danielle Hill reported.

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Sharon Kluek reported.

X: Adjourn

Chairperson Ardith Hoins adjourned the meeting on November 10, 2010 at 3:06 p.m.