

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)
Wednesday, August 4, 2010
Kearney Holiday Inn
110 North 2nd Avenue
Kearney, NE
Minutes

I. Roll Call

Lydia Wiles called roll. Ten of fifteen Commissioners were present. Ardith Hoins, Robin Ambroz-Hollman, Tom Huston, Thomas Judds, DiAnn Kolkman, Kathryn Mesner, Roger Nadrchal, Barb Ostrum, Melissa Robinson-Henscheid, and Brent Williams. Absent Commissioners were: Ann Beseke-Rouch, Mary Jo Bousek, Alan Green, Ken Lyons, and Erin Porterfield.

II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson Ardith Hoins called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Chairperson Ardith Hoins declared a quorum at 4:31 p.m.

III. Introductions:

Chairperson Ardith Hoins welcomed guests and asked them to introduce themselves. Guests present were: Lauren Rock and Leslie Novacek, ATP; Janet Latimer, Horizon Bank; Paul Bartlett, USDA Rural Development; Michael Smith, Pedcor Investments LLC; Cory Fellows, The Wishcamper Cos.; Steve Peregrine, NIFA; Dan Kubr, Crown Pointe Dev.; Paula Rhian and Pamela Forster, Excel Development Group; Shirley Niemeyer, University of Nebraska Lincoln Extension Office; Danielle Hill, NHDA; Bob Doty and Lydia Wiles, Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED).

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Approve March 11, 2010 meeting minutes.

Tom Huston moved that the March 11, 2010 meeting minutes be approved. Brent Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VI. Comments on NIFA's 2011 LIHTC Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP)

Robin Ambroz-Hollman received comments on the QAP.

Shirley Niemeyer commented that communities often don't know about different funding sources and opportunities available. Robin explained about the First Friday community outreach that is done, but a community must ask NIFA to come.

VII. Executive Committee

Passed out Bylaws handout. Will check on the number of members required. Changes made: the Commission will no longer use Robert's Rules of Order. Will vote on new bylaws during the November meeting. Contact Tom Huston with comments.

VIII. Report from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

Ardi reported briefly and Charles Coley sent a report via email to the Commissioners. There are 65 grantees for the 2 year Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program. The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2010.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

DiAnn Kolkman reported. She plans to contact Ken Lyons to determine the plan for the awareness month this fall. The committee will partner with the Continuum of Care Committee on to get mayors on board.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Roger Nadrchal reported. USDA mortgages limit law is set to sunset, but Roger hopes this will be extended for another 10 years. The hope is that the bill (HR-5881) will be introduced. Roger calls for the Commission to support this bill.

Thomas Huston motioned that a resolution be prepared showing the Commission in support of HR-5881. DiAnn seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

4. Ad Hoc Committee on Ending Chronic Homelessness

Charles Coley reported via email to the Commissioners. The Strategic Federal Plan is online. The committee will meet in August or September.

IX: Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Assistive Technology Partnership – Lauren Rock (new representative) reported.

Community Action of Nebraska – Ardith Hoins reported.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development – Bob Doty reported.

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

Midwest Housing Equity Group – Thomas Judds reported.

Nebraska Housing Developers Association – Danielle Hill reported.

NE Investment Finance Authority – Robin Ambroz-Hollman had nothing else to add.

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Paul Bartlett reported.

FHL Bank-Topeka – Roger Nadrchal reported.

UNL Extension Office – Shirley Niemeyer reported.

X: Adjourn

Chairperson Ardith Hoins adjourned the meeting on August 4, 2010 at 6:27 p.m.