

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
April 14th, 2008
3:30 p.m.
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

Closed Session: No

Call to Order: 3:50 p.m.

Roll call: Chairman Ray Kiogima – present, Vice Chairperson – Ken Harrington, – present, Commissioner Arlene Naganashe – absent, Secretary Mike Lyons – present

Staff present: Executive Director John Givens

Guests present:

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

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Roll call: 3:57 pm

Motion made by Ken Harrington and supported by Mike Lyons to accept the agenda as amended.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Ken Harrington and supported by Ray Kiogima to accept the minutes of 3 March 2008.

Vote: 3– Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - Vacant

Motion Carried

John givens give Housing Director Report; includes Annual Performance Report, Stephanie Howell left Housing Department, Interviews this week.

Housing Development sign created by “Sign and Design”

Req. by HUD to have a sign.

Current plans include vinyl posts;

Total cost approx. up to \$2,800 dollars.

Color sign with vinyl lettering; Will consult w/ planning for placement.

Should be done by June.

Sign will say Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Land of the Northern Lights, LTBB Tribal Housing.

Zoning Ordinance- Define Nuisance;

Loud noises; etc, we may need to create an ordinance.

Ray expressed a concern that the original plans did not allow for private fences, but that some fences are put up now. He has some information that he will share with John

Givens who expressed enforcement concerns between housing; tribal police and NRD. It would appear that current fences would be grandfathered as there are no lease provisions or ordinances known that would prohibit fences.

John Givens noted that they are going to put in a play ground... plastic, pvc, etc. Commercial playground, Cost approx. \$ 25,000 to be planned; 30 by 50 feet. He is currently working on funding options and placement on the property.

Motion made by Ken Harrington and supported by Mike Lyons to accept Housing directors verbal and written report.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 Vacant

Motion Carried

We discussed old business dealing with Policies that John Givens has presented; the concern was made that policies may have to be passed by council under the current APA statute.

Housing Code; John Givens expressed food for thought concerning possible ambiguities in what is required with background checks and criminal records; this may need to be revisited before the Murray Rd development is completed. This may need to be answered by council... suggests cooperation with legal and law enforcement to assess potential concerns.

5:00 pm recess for 10 minutes.

Meeting Reconvened 5:10 pm

John Givens reported that he mentioned to Joe Lucier of the Youth Program about possibilities of utilizing youth training initiatives to procure the labor necessary to create storage sheds at Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke to follow up on the Commission's suggestion. No additional surveys have been returned; however, the common consensus is that more storage space is necessary to support utilitarian and aesthetic concerns.

Topinabee house – Tribal Lease up in 2009. Housing plans to discontinue leasing this house. The furnace is shot.. repairs necessary to this house may be cost prohibited.

Motion made by Mike Lyons and supported by Ken Harrington to accept Su Lantz's Resignation from Housing Commission and forward letter of resignation to the appropriate executive and/or legislative body for final approval.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - Vacant

Motion Carried

Report and discussion on cooperative efforts with Pellston School District to utilize Pellston Schools Building Trades Class to provide the labor necessary to build a house on Mill Street in Pellston. The Pellston Schools sent John Givens a legal agreement form that will have to be reviewed by Legal Dept.

Concerns in agreement re: para 3 – “any” specialized tools needed, may need to be rewritten;

Concerns re para 4 regarding whether Tribe's Umbrella policy would satisfy this clause.

Also, certain things to consider in construction may include geothermal heating and hot water on demand devices. These amenities would not cost significantly more and would significantly enhance the marketability of the house.

Motion made by Mike Lyons and supported by Ken Harrington to submit a proposal to Tribal Council through appropriate executive channels to promptly request funding for a home built on Mill Street in Pellston to be built by the Pellston Schools Vocational Trades Class. Also, to allow for a stipend and mileage for any commission member to attend any Tribal council meeting in which this proposal shall be considered.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 -vacant

Motion Carried

Budget modification discussed; Mike Lyons will consult with former secretary Su Lantz to finalize a modification to facilitate current housing commission expenses.

Public comment starts 6:00 pm

Public Comment closes at 6:05 pm

Motion made by Ken Harrington and supported by Mike Lyons to Adjourn.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - vacant

Motion Carried

Date: _____

Michael Lyons, Secretary/Treasurer