

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
April 6th 2009
3:30 p.m.
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

Closed Session: No

Call to Order: 3:45 pm

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

Staff present: John Givens, Housing Dept. Director

Guests present:

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

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Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Mike Lyons to approve the agenda for the April 6, 2009 meeting.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 2 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Mike Lyons to approve the minutes as corrected for the March 2, 2009 Meeting.

Vote: 3– Yes, 0 – No, 2 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - vacant

Motion Carried

Ken Harrington Arrives 3:53 pm

John Givens gave his Executive Housing Director Report

Annual Performance Report

The Housing Department has submitted to HUD our Annual Performance Report for 2008. The report covers three grant periods, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

The commission discussed a few aspects that were stated out in the Performance Report and requested clarification.

Stimulus Funding

The LTBB Housing Department has been asked to submit an amendment to our 2008 Indian Housing Plan, that amendment will cover any additional funds received from

HUD in 2009. We should see an additional \$156,000 in our block grant funds. Our amendment stated that we would pursue the construction of one to two homes at our Wah Was Noos Da Ke Tribal Village in Harbor Springs.

HUD has announced that there will be an additional competitive grant opportunity available in the future. The Housing Department is currently waiting for additional announcements from HUD on when they will implement this competitive grant. HUD has said that they will be giving out a total of 256,000,000 million dollars available nation wide. The Housing Department is anxiously waiting for the opportunity to apply for this competitive grant.

There are plans in the works to conduct a housing needs survey. The commission suggested that the Community Meeting may be a forum to conduct housing needs surveying.

There was some discussion about the costs of running the utilities at the Community Center.

There was some inquires made regarding about the potential Green projects grant that is expected to be obtained by the tribe. The Housing Department will look into this further.

Murray Road Development

We have recently sent out RFQ's to several architects in and around Northern Michigan. We are going to pursue the architectural drawings of the Quad plex building that are planned for the development.

Motion made by Ken Harrington and supported by Mike Lyons to accept Housing Director John Givens Verbal and Written Report.

Vote: 4- Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Absent, 0 - Abstained 0 - vacant

Motion Carried

Mill Street House: Due to certain timetables involved, it was decided to subcontract out the drywall because based on previous experiences the Pellston Schools Vocational Trades Class Teacher opined that it would not otherwise be completed by the end of the year. It is a priority to have this house finished before the end of the school semester so that a Tribal Citizen could be placed within this house as soon as possible.

The commission reviewed the budgets for the building project. Ken Harrington is providing services to get the Vocational trade class paint for the building, and will be picking up the cabinets at Home Depot.

There was discussion about getting an in progress photo of the building for the Odawa Trails. Commissioner Lyons may take photos of the completed project after the floor covering, painting and cabinets are installed.

The Commission discussed infrastructure issues related to the Murray Road Development.

Public Comment opens 5:05 pm.

Ken Harrington asked the Housing Director about the progress of the Murray Rd Workgroup for the development of housing at Murray Rd.

Public Comment closed at 5:15 pm.

A meeting shall be scheduled for May 4th, 2009.

Motion made by Mike Lyons and supported by Ken Harrington to adjourn at 5:15 pm.

Vote: 4– Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - vacant

Motion Carried

Date: 05/04/09

Mike Lyons, Secretary/Treasurer