

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

Closed Session: No

Call to Order: 3:40 pm

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

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 August 3rd, 2009 meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to approve the minutes as corrected for the July 6th, 2009 Meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Housing Director Report:

Homebuyer Counseling Class:

LTBB Housing Department Programs Coordinator Kaye Rowland will be conducting a Homebuyer Counseling Class on September 26th, 2009 at the Gov. Complex at 9:00 to 5:00 pm. A lender will be present and a realtor as speakers. Participants will receive a certificate.

Multi Family Housing Project

Elaine Keiser Architect, Inc has completed the conceptual portion of the building that we plan on building for use in our Multi Family Housing Project. Buildings would contain 3 bedroom, two bath, (1,337 sq. ft.), and 2 bedroom and one bath units, (950 sq. ft.). At the present time there is no funding available for building these units, but current grant applications are pending.

The commission expressed concerns with the design of the 4 unit building. There appears to only be a single entrance to each

Ken Harrington arrives at 4:01 pm.

Wah Was Noo De Ka Pump House

Indian Health Service has provided a memorandum of agreement in regards to the construction of the Pump House. The agreement has been signed by the Tribal Chairman and is currently pending review by I.H.S.

An occupancy permit has not yet been issued for the Mill St property. It is hoped that one would be available by the end of the week as long as the house passes all its final inspections. There are currently no buyers for the Mill St property at this time.

Motion made by Pat Wemigwase and supported by Arlene Naganashe to accept Housing Director John Givens Verbal and Written Report.

Vote: 5– Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - vacant

Motion Carried

The large competitive grant application through H.U.D. is submitted. A decision should be made in September. Another grant will be submitted this week to fund the addition of a playground at the Wah Was Noo De Ka development.

There was discussion regarding the utilization of stimulus money to purchase foreclosed housing to rehab. This would allow us to create more tribal housing with the funds available than building a single new house. A request has been sent to H.U.D. to determine if this is permissible.

An open house will be scheduled on a Saturday in the near future at the Mill Street Property in Pellston. Flyers will handed out when the day is set.

Ken Harrington will be submitting his resignation from the Vice Chairman of the Housing Commission being effective August 23rd, 2009. Ken Harrington's contributions to the Housing Commission will be missed, and the Housing Commission wishes Ken the best in his new upcoming position as Tribal Chairman.

Public Comment opens 4:50 pm.

Pat Wemigwase asked the Housing Director on the status of the sign for the Wah Was Noo De Ka Development.

Arlene Naganashe commented that refurbishing old houses, and hiring people to do the refurbishing is a good idea.

Ray Kiogima noted to Ken that by the next housing meeting Ken will be Chairman and that he is welcome to come sit in at any of our meetings.

Public Comment closed at 5:05 pm.

Motion made by Ken Harrington and supported by Pat Wemigwase to adjourn at 5:07 pm.

Vote: 5– Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - vacant

Motion Carried

The next meeting will be held Monday September 14th, 2009 @ 3:30 pm in room 312.

Date: 09/14/2009

Mike Lyons, Secretary/Treasurer