

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
November 2nd, 2009
3:30 p.m.
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

Closed Session: No

Call to Order: 4:45 pm

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

Staff present: None

Guests present: None

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

Motion made by Pat Wemigwase and supported by Mike Lyons to approve the agenda for the November 2nd, 2009 meeting as amended.

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

Motion Carried

The Commission discussed the possibility of conducting another meeting in accordance with Housing Director's John Givens schedule.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to approve the minutes as corrected for the October 5th, 2009 Meeting as corrected.

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

Motion Carried

Ray Kiogima stated that he attended the Housing Seminar conducted by the Housing Department on October 10th, 2009 at the LTBB Government Complex, Ray Kiogima gave a report on the event to the Commission; the Commission discussed the event.

Housing Director Report: As Housing Director John Givens is not present, there was no Housing Director's Report. However, the Commission contacted the staff of the Housing Department and asked the Housing Staff personnel for an informal report. In general, the Housing Commission was informally told that the bids on the building of housing at the Murray Rd Property had been received, but no one has yet been selected. The commission discussed the prospects of asking the Housing Director to send a staff member to the Commission meeting with a report if he is unavailable.

The Commission discussed the Murray Rd development and is optimistic that we will have tribal housing available at that property in the near future. The Commission also discussed the naming of the Murray Rd. Project and the names of the Streets within the project. The Commission discussed the prospects of the Housing Department conducting a contest advertised in the Odawa Trails to name the Property, Streets and Bridge along with a prize for the winner. The Commission discussed the rules for the contest should require the names be in Odawa. It was suggested that the Language Department be consulting due to the likelihood that they would be contacted by Tribal Citizens entering the contest for translations.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to approve a work session to discuss the current events in the Housing Department when Housing Director John Givens is available; date to be determined by the availability of the Housing Director.

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

Motion Carried

The Commission discussed having the Housing Department website updated to reflect the current members on the Housing Commission. Ray will be attending tribal counsel on the 21st of November at 1:30 pm.

The Commission discussed issues related to Tribal Housing leases. The Commission discussed changes that had been submitted for approval, and inquired about the progress of making those changes. The Commission will be seeking more information from the Housing Director on this issue.

The Commission discussed the disposition of the Mill St Property. The Commission will be seeking more information from the Housing Director on this issue.

Public Comment opens 6:10 pm.

Public Comment closed 6:15 pm.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to adjourn at 6:15 pm.

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

Motion Carried

The next meeting will be held Monday December 7th, 2009 @ 3:30 pm in room 312.

Date: 12/7/2009

Mike Lyons, Secretary/Treasurer

