

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
May 3rd, 2010
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 , Arlene Naganashe, - present; Secretary Mike Lyons – present,; Commissioner Pat Wemigwase-present; Commissioner Larry Stead-present

Staff present: John Givens, Housing Department Director

Guests present:

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

Motion made by Pat Wemigwase and supported by Arlene Naganashe to approve the agenda as amended for the May 3rd, 2010 meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to approve the minutes for the April 5th, 2010, Meeting.

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

Motion Carried

New Housing Project, 3533 Wah Be Noong Circle

We expect to have the contract signed with Siegward Bldg. Co. this week. Construction will commence immediately afterwards. Completion date is scheduled for October 2010.

Wilderness Park Property

The Housing Director inquired about the property to the NRD Director. He stated that the home is used very little and mostly in the winter months. The home is in definite need of repair and is getting worse all the time; it also needs a septic system. NRD did not disclose if they were willing to part with the property.

The commission discussed at length the feasibility of rehabilitating this property if NRD is willing to transfer control of the property. The Housing Director is going to make some inquiries into this property to see if there is any interest in having it rehabilitated and used

as a rental unit. If there is interest, the housing commission discussed conducting a home inspection on the property.

Murray Road Housing Update

The construction at the Murray Road Housing Site continues on schedule. The project should be completed by fall.

The Housing Department was handing out ballots to solicit suggestions for the names of the buildings at the Murray Road Development Project. There were no responses returned. The commission discussed the idea that some sort of contest prize give-a-way should have been offered to encourage participation from the community members.

The commission discussed housing currently listed on the market that could possibly be purchased for Tribal housing, and the various obstacles that would be encountered in pursuing purchases of this type and the obstacles in rehabilitating them for adequate housing. The commission was made aware that a previous unit that was rented by the Tribe for subletting is listed on the market.

The commission discussed at length the statements made about housing concerns at the LTBB Community Meeting held on May 1st, 2010. The commission especially discussed how to make the rents as inexpensive as possible while at the same time maintaining enough funding to continue the Housing Department's other assistance programs.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to accept the verbal and written report of the Housing Director, John Givens. Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 – Vacant

NAIHC Annual Convention:

The NAIHC Annual Convention and trade show is being held on May 25th, 26th, and 27th this year. It will be held in Minneapolis Minn. The Housing Dept. Plans on sending at least one person. An agenda is not currently available

The Housing Commission discussed whether circumstances will allow anyone from the housing commission to attend this conference. Pat Wemigwase expressed an interest in attending. He expressed a willingness to drive there in an effort to save on the travel expenses if necessary. Arlene Naganashe also expressed an interest in attending if she can get the time off of work. Any commissioner that attends any training has to compile a complete report to the Housing Commission at the next meeting on the topics discussed at the conference.

The commission discussed the Ground breaking at 3533 Wah Be Noong Circle. Several commissioners attended. Photos have been submitted to the Odawa Trails Newsletter for publication.

Motion made by Pat Wemigwase and supported by Larry Stead to approve stipends and mileage for any commissioner who attended the groundbreaking ceremony at 3533 Wah

Be Noong Circle on April 27th, 2010. Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0
- Vacant
Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Larry Stead to approve travel, lodging, per diem, stipend, and mileage for Commissioner Pat Wemigwase to attend the NAIHC Annual Convention in Minnesota. Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - Vacant
Motion Carried

The Commission discussed certain restrictions that exist on the maintenance of motor vehicles in the yards at the Tribal Housing Development. The Housing Department discussed that the spirit of the restrictions was to prevent junk cars in the yards that are a nuisance. It was not intended to pertain to simple routine maintenance of a used, working and operational vehicle.

The commission discussed the date for the July meeting. The meeting for the month of July will be on the 12th, 2010 at 3:30 pm

Public Comment opens 5:00 pm.

Arlene Naganashe spoke regarding funds for travel. Ray Kiogima again reminded the Commission that we had to re-schedule the July meeting to the 12th because of the conflict with the 4th of July holiday. Some comments were made regarding the Tribe's participation in the 4th of July festivities. Some comments were made about the development and distribution of the housing needs survey as well as the development and re-submission of a revised Housing Statute proposal.

Public Comment closed 5:25 pm.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to adjourn at 5:26 pm.
Vote: 4 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - Vacant
Motion Carried

The next meeting will be held Monday June 7th, 2010 @ 3:30 pm in room 312.

Date: 7/12/2010

Mike Lyons, Secretary/Treasurer