

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
Oct 4th, 2010
3:30 p.m.
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

Closed Session: No

Call to Order: 3:35 pm

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

Staff present: Kay Roland, LTBB Housing Department

Guests present:

Michael Lyons, Secretary,

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Mike Lyons to approve the agenda for the September 4th, 2010 meeting as amended.

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 for the August 2nd, 2010, Meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Housing Director Report: John is out of the office. The housing report this month is being presented by Kay Roland as a representative of the Housing Department. He will give the Housing Commission a report next meeting.

Murray Road Construction: There is an undetermined delay. November 30th deadline will not be met. There are 10 tenants ready to move in after approval. The time line of the delay is as yet undetermined.

Wah wahs noo da ke construction on schedule. It will be completed by November 15th, 2010. The project looks fantastic. It is progressing swiftly. We have a buyer already being considered.

The commission discussed how many Tribal Citizens are not willing to build on the tribal property because there is no spousal survival clause in the relevant law. The commission discussed how we had previously pushed to have the law changed. There were significant

efforts previously made to push that law through during the previous administration, and have previously discussed taking efforts to revitalize this change in the law to encourage Tribal Citizens to build on our Tribal Land.

The Commission discussed at length the status of the leasing rules for the Murray Road Complex. The Housing Director has decided that these will be smoke free apartment and there will be no pets allowed. The commissioners discussed at great length regarding how far a person would need to stand outside of the building to have a cigarette. The Commission sees no problem allowing a resident to smoke outside there door.

Pump house.. all bids have been turned in and set. Contracts are being formulated at this time, and work should begin this week.

A Major revision to down payment assistance is taking place January 1st, 2011. Rather than giving \$5,000 assistance, the program will be reduced to \$2,500 which will require a \$2,500 dollar match from the applicant. There was discussion about trying to expand housing programs national wide or state wide. After an analysis of the added costs, it was discovered that the limited funds available would be depleted during the 1st month if the programs were expanded. The program eligibility will remain limited to the service area.

There was some discussion of reducing the security deposit and 1st months rent to security deposit alone in an effort to expand program coverage. But, upon an evaluation of the purpose of providing this assistance, it was determined that it would defeat the purpose to do so. People that are in the process of moving home need both security deposit and rent in order to obtain initial housing. Therefore, it has been determined that this program shall remain limited to the 27 county service area until such time as more funds become available to expand this program.

The Commission discussed at length the potential duties of the maintenance personnel of the Murray Rd Housing Development.

The Commission discussed the possible garbage removal solutions that could be imposed at the Murray Rd Development.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Ray Kiogima to accept the Housing Director's Report as presented by the Housing Director's designee Kay Rowland.

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

Motion Carried

The Commission discussed revitalizing the needs assessment survey which John Givens had told us that he would provide the postage to send out. A draft copy of the survey will be presented at the next meeting for final approval.

The Commission discussed revitalizing the efforts to amend the current housing statute that was previously worked on by the commission.

The Commission discussed the possibility of changing the time for the commission meetings to more fully accommodate the various Commissioner's busy schedules.

Public Comment opens 5:00 pm.

The commission discussed the Executive Directive regarding expending funds.

Public Comment closed 5:10 pm.

Motion made by Mike Lyons and supported by Arlene Naganashe to adjourn at 5:13 pm.

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

Motion Carried

The next meeting will be held November 1st, 2010 @ 3:30 pm in room 312.

Date: 10/4/2010

Mike Lyons, Secretary

Minutes Approved on November 1st, 2010