

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
February 1st, 2010
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 –vacant; Secretary Mike Lyons – present, Commissioner Arlene Naganashe – present; Commissioner Pat Wemigwase-present; Commissioner Larry Stead-present

Staff present: None

Guests present: None

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

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Motion made by Pat Wemigwase and supported by Arlene Naganashe to approve the agenda as amended for the February 1st, 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 January 4th, 2010, Meeting.
Vote: 5– Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - Vacant
Motion Carried

John Givens, Housing Director arrives 3:57 pm

Housing Director Report:

New Construction

Lifestyle Home Design has completed the modifications to the home plans we have ordered. We should be receiving them this week. Upon receipt of the plans we will submit them to the LTBB Planning Department for review along with a site plan for the project.

6521 Mill St

The home at 6521 Mill Street in Pellston has been leased out and is currently occupied. The terms of the lease are for one year and the tenant is aware that the ultimate plan for the home is for it to be purchased. The current tenant has expressed an interest in

purchasing the home or possibly leasing with an option to purchase. Rent set at \$600.00. No utilities are included.

Murray Rd Housing

The Housing Department and the Tribal Administrator have begun work on policies and procedures that will govern the rental units being built at the Murray Road site. At the moment the plan is to set a flat rate rent for each unit and to not base the rent off a family's monthly gross income. We will also be discussing issues like smoking, pets, and maintenance. Goal is to have them ready to rent in late summer.

Guest: Mel Kiogima Sr. arrives at 4:19 pm

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

Vote taken by secret ballot to elect commission officers.

Chairman – Ray Kiogima 5 votes
Vice Chairman – Arlene Naganashe 4 votes
Vice Chairman – Larry Stead 1 vote
Secretary – Mike Lyons 5 votes

Strategy Session for Housing:

Arlene suggested we conduct a survey to determine the housing needs in the area for tribal housing, and to make an informed decision of what should be charged in rents for the 10 units that will be available at Murray Rd.

Determine who to contact: Tribal Directory
How many: estimated 2600 households
How to contact: Mail or phone survey
What questions are asked: How many in family, household income, do you rent or own?
Credit rating; other
What can be done to increase the response rate?

Housing Department will pay for the postage. The commission discussed whether we should schedule a work session with housing department staff. A work session is scheduled for Monday, February 15th, 2010.

The commission asked for input from Mel Kiogima Sr.

FYI: Pat Wemigwase Update: Richard Wemigwase, maintenance at elder's housing is going for surgery tomorrow. He will be out as until March.

The Commission wishes him a speedy recovery. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

List Meeting of Dates

February 1st, 2010

March 1st, 2010

April 5th, 2010

May 3rd, 2010

June 7th, 2010

July 12th, 2010

August 2nd, 2010

September 13th, 2010

October 4th, 2010

November 1st, 2010

December 6th, 2010

Public Comment opens 5:00 pm.

Mel Kiogima Sr. the land committee has talked about drafting a census statute to conduct a survey involving not only housing issues, but health, casino, other issues. We need to obtain this information about our people. This will not be on the docket until summer and would not be addressed until the end of the year. The land and reservation committee is discussing developing a program that would focus on rehabilitation of current tribal properties.

John Givens stated that the housing department would be willing to rehab the Kings Inn property. Previous efforts to suggest this action were rejected by the economic development personnel currently in charge of the property.

Public Comment closed 5:15 pm.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Larry Stead to adjourn at 5:15 pm.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 0 - Vacant

Motion Carried

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

Date: 2/1/2010

Mike Lyons, Secretary/Treasurer

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