

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
August 1st, 2011
3:30 p.m.
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

Closed Session: None

Call to Order: 3:45 p.m.

Roll call: Chairman, Ray Kiogima – present; Vice Chairperson, Arlene Naganashe – present; Secretary, Patrick Wemigwase – present; Commissioner, Larry Stead – absent; Commissioner, Vacant

Staff present: Executive Housing Director John Givens

Guests present: None

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

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Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Patrick Wemigwase to accept the minutes with corrections from the July 11th, 2011 meeting.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Patrick Wemigwase to accept the agenda with additions for the August 1st, 2011 meeting.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Vacant

Motion Carried

Housing Director Report:

Playgrounds: We expect the playground equipment to be delivered this week and assembly should be complete by the third week of August.

Rental Unit Deck Construction: We have had a licensed contractor build a 10x10 deck on all of the single family units at the Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Village. These homes have lacked a back “porch” since they were built in 2000. This project was funded out of our N.A.H.A.S.D.A. block grant funds.

Housing Rental Limitations: Our LTBB Housing Rental policy puts restriction on applicants that states we **WILL NOT** rent to any applicant that has been previously evicted by LTBB Housing Department. Right now this is a lifetime ban, does the housing commission believe this ban should be shorter then this?

Criminal History: Part of the Housing Department Tenant Background Check Procedure states that we will deny housing to an applicant that has been convicted of **ANY** crime that demonstrates violence towards another person. What we have seen in the past is that

this catches any person that has been convicted of assault. Sometimes the assault charge was just a misdemeanor but it still listed as an assault. In those cases we have denied the applicant housing based on this charge. Does the housing commission feel that an assault, which by definition is a violent crime, should not be a lifetime ban if it is a misdemeanor?

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Patrick Wemigwase to accept the verbal and written report of the housing director.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Patrick Wemigwase to have a work session on August 8th, 2011 to work on Housing Regulations and Statutes

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Vacant

Motion Carried

FYI:

Public Comment Opens: 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment Closes: 5:10 p.m.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Patrick Wemigwase to adjourn at 5:12 P.M.

Vote: 3 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Vacant

Motion Carried

Next meeting is on September 12th, 2011 @ 3:30 p.m. in room 312.

Date: 9/12/11

Patrick Wemigwase, Secretary

Minutes approved on September 12th, 2011.