

**HOUSING COMMISSION MINUTES
MAY 18, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Members Present: John Boyd (Chairman), David Alarcon, Evert Evertsen, Elise Livingston, Gregory Siebold, Tom Stephani, Walter Tashjian, Mary Ann Weltch, Karen Calendo, Matt Kostecki, Jean-Ette Schober and Mary Lu Seidel

Members Absent: Mary Anne Weltch

Staff Present: Kenneth Koehler, Chairman – County Board, Sue Draffkorn and Virginia Peschke, County Board Members, Maryanne Wanaski, Deputy Director/Principal Planner; Sarah Ciampi, Housing Commission Coordinator and Pat Melone, Housing Commission Secretary

Others Present: Iris Bryan, Town Crier; Corey Brackmann, McHenry County Association of Realtors (MCHAR); and Brent Burns, Crystal Lake Bank & Trust.

Ms. Ciampi called the roll.

Chairman Boyd declared that a quorum was present.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Boyd pointed out that there was a “typo” in the first paragraph of page two – different was spelled “different t.” Motion by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Evertsen to approved the minutes after correction. The minutes were approved on a voice vote with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Staff Report - Vice Chairman Selection: Ms. Ciampi invited any members of the voting block interested in serving as Vice Chairman to submit a letter of intent.

Commission Vacancies: - Ms. Ciampi said Commissioner Eldredge had stepped down and candidates for replacement will be interviewed at the Thursday, May 20, 2010 Planning & Development Committee Meeting. At the May 18, 2010 County Board Meeting there is a resolution to appoint two new members to the voting bloc of the Commission – Brent Burns and Corey Brackmann - who are in the audience for today’s meeting. After the appointments there are three more vacancies on the voting block and one on the ex-officio block.

Review of Commission Committees: There was discussion updating which members will be serving on which committees.

Executive
Evert Evertsen
Jean-Ette Schober
John Boyd

Education Advocacy
Mary Lu Seidel
Mary Anne Weltch
Karen Calendo
Tom Stephani

Legislative Affairs
David Alarcon
Gregory Siebold
Elise Livingston
Walter Tashjian
John Boyd

Motion by Ms. Livingston seconded by Mr. Tashjian to approve the slate of commission members. On a voice vote, all members voted aye and the motion carried. Mr. Boyd said as Chairman he approved the

slate of commission members set forth to serve on the committees of McHenry County Housing Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Survey of Housing Programs: Ms. Ciampi discussed the need for a housing program survey. Staff has become aware that there are similar programs and services operated by varying entities. A survey would provide information for a County data base which could be used to bring service providers together for more efficient operation of services. There was discussion on this topic and how the survey would be carried out. A draft of the survey and accompanying letter, and a list of possible sources will be created for review at the June meeting.

Mr. Alarcon joined the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Elements of County HOME Program (Commissioner Information Series): Ms. Ciampi passed around information sheets entitled, HOME Funding Best Practices. She also referred to a study titled, McHenry County: A Place to Call Home and gave out copies to anyone who requested it. She then talked about the Consolidated Plan, which is drafted by the County every five years as part of the requirement for having HUD programs. Ms. Ciampi then talked about the annual Action Plan. In June there will be a 2011 Annual Action Plan Forum where members of the public will be invited to come and speak to the staff of the Community Development Division regarding what they would like to see in HUD programming. This information will be used in the 2011 Action Plan. She then referred to the 2030 Plan, which was recently approved and is now in final draft stage. The Home Funding Best Practices was then reviewed by Ms. Ciampi who also responded to questions and comments on this.

Special Presentation: Ms. Jamie Rein, Assistant State's Attorney distributed information to Commissioners on the Open Meeting Act. She then reviewed the materials and went into detail regarding the requirements of the Act. She also responded to questions. Commissioners were made aware that Ms. Wanaski is a FOIA Officer for the Department of Planning and Development and Ms. Ciampi and Ms. Wanaski are the OMA Officers for the Housing Commission.

At the end of the special presentation on the Open Meeting Act, Ms. Ciampi gave additional information on HOME Funding Best Practices and said she will go into additional detail at the June meeting. She then discussed information and distributed a study by the Center for Neighborhood Technology, titled Penny Wise – Pound Fuelish that bridges on the transportation talk at last month's meeting. The study points out that there is a correlation between housing and transportation. This information was researched by Chairman Koehler and he met with the author of the study (Maria Choca Urban) and asked if she would be willing to speak to the County, which she agreed to. Staff is also working to get a speaker (Elliot Eisenberg) to talk on the Economy of Housing to the Commission.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS, MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On May 26 at 11:30 a.m., McHenry County Department of Planning and Development, Community Development Block Grant Division; Corporation for Affordable Homes; and Consumer Credit Counseling Services of McHenry County will be holding a press conference at 103 Palisades Lane, Oakwood Hills recognizing the first NSP (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) home sale. Commissioners were invited to attend. Commissioners were also invited to attend the next CDBG Commission Meeting on May 26, Conference Room B of the Administration Building at 8:15 a.m. The Director of HUD Region 5 and County Representative of HUD Region 5 will be attending and speaking about the CDBG and HOME programs for McHenry County.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Boyd made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Stephani at 10:10 a.m. Chairman Boyd declared the motion carried, on a unanimous voice vote,