

Affordable Housing Board Meeting
Thursday, July 18, 2013

The following are the minutes of the Affordable Housing Board meeting, which was held on Thursday, July 18, 2013 in the Community Development Conference Room, located in the Lawrence Township Municipal Building.

Statement of Proper Notice

Adequate notice of the regular meeting of the Lawrence Township Affordable Housing Board has been provided by filing an annual meeting schedule with the Municipal Clerk, and by filing the agenda with the Municipal Clerk, posting prominently in the Municipal Building, and mailing to the Trenton Times, the Trentonian and the Lawrence Ledger.

Opening of Meeting/Roll Call (6:34 p.m.):

Present: Peter Ferrone, John Masso, Kevin VanHise, Jean Washington, Walker Ristau

Absent: William Capell, James Kownacki, Mayor (Council Liaison)

Excused Absence: Susan McCloskey, J. Andrew Link, Principal Planner

Also Present: Susan Snook, Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes:

The June 20, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

III. General Public Comment:

None

IV. Hardship Waiver Procedure Discussion:

Chairperson VanHise stated there is nothing new to report except an e-mail he received from Ms. Phillipi regarding they are still working with the State and municipal options. They want to do a presentation and requesting to be put on an upcoming agenda. COAH is telling Ms. Phillipi there are some options such as a down payment assistance, no interest loan; payments over time; however, it will require an ordinance to be adopted by Council.

Chairperson VanHise stated we have to wait until they appear before the Board to hear what they are going to say; however, we might not be able to take any action.

V. Status of Changes at State Level:

There have not been a lot of changes at the State level. The Court has ruled that COAH had to provide the process. The court ruled that the Governor did not have the right to abolish COAH, in but not of DCA. If the Court ruled that the Governor had the power to roll it back into the DCA, it would have changed the trust funds. COAH sent out new letters and had to August 2nd to respond. No decision on the third round rules.

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VI. Other Business:

A hand out was presented to the Board regarding the Gardens at Birmingham from Mr. Krawczun, see attached.

Chairperson VanHise presented to the Board to cancel the August 2013 meeting and was approved by unanimous vote.

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Susan Snook
Secretary

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