

Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM
Edgartown Town Hall

Members in Attendance: Chairman Mark Hess, Vice-Chairman Jason Mazar-Kelly, Arthur Smadbeck

Chairman Mark Hess called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Announced this meeting will have no voting because it's not Quorum. Introduced Shanette Deleon as the new Affordable Housing Manager and stated all her questions were answered in the prior meeting held today at 4p.m.

Minutes: May 16, 2023 minutes was approved in the prior meeting held today at 4p.m and there is no quorum to approve it in this meeting.

Old Business: Avakian Property (4 22nd St South) Resale. Mr. Chairman announced the lottery will be held in this room on June 14, 2023 at 4pm. To draw all applicants name that made it and Vice-Chairman agreed with Mr. Chairman on this. David Vigneault provided document with the 30 applications but only 27 made it. The three that didn't make it was due to 1st having over income, 2nd due to incomplete application and 3rd disqualified due to not being a first time homebuyer. On the day of Lottery, Mr. Vigneault will send the applicants name that goes with the numbers from the list. It was explained, typically Mr. Vigneault and/or Teri reads the applicant names, then the applicant comes up and get a ticket. If applicant not there a third party takes the name even if the applicant is not present. He will send an actual list of name in the afternoon to do Conflict of Interest. It was suggested, Mr. Vigneault should email pool 3 & 4 and let them know the drawings will be done from pools 1 and 2 first and probable won't make it to Pool 3 & 4.

The new Affordable Housing (AH) Manager was assigned to respond, No, Ms. Conroy cannot transfer the property into her Trust, via email. Mr. Chairman will approve email response prior to sending.

Mr. Chairman sent a letter, to former board member Cristina Brown who resigned last month, requesting her presence so the Chairman could publicly tell her Thank you for her dedicated volunteer services. Ms. Brown send-off words to the members were "Just Do it!"

Community Outreach Program for Year Round Rental Funding: This will be discussed on next meeting agenda.

New Business: Stephan Pond Property at 4 Waqua Ave property was moved up for discussion first because Mr. Pond was there in person. He wanted to know if he could purchase home completely from AH; how does home improvement payout and value is refunded at resale. Also, wanted to know if it's a 1 or 2 bedroom(s) because he got confusing information. Mr. Pond was told based on his contract he cannot buy it fully from Affordable Housing but he can resell it to AH. He was referred to first speak with Mr. David Vigneault from DCRHA who can give him the resale home improvement value cap. Then return to AH Committee when he has decided what improvement he will do. AH will seek town counsel clarification on the 1 or 2 bedroom(s) confusion.

Short Term Rental Tax was explained that these funds are not approved to use the tax money into Slush funds without a driven project program. This will be discussed more at next meeting.

Mr. Vice-Chairman stated there's a preliminary 3 acres Chappy lot that possible can build about 8 units as per Connor communication. Suggestion to find out the next CPC meeting from Christy to work with them on this new Tax lot project that we can use as a model.

All other new business such as Letter of support for Linda Sibling, Rental assistance programs, informational transparency, and Martha's Vineyard commission will be discussed at the next meeting.

There was no correspondence.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shanette DeLeon



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6.22.23

Date of Approval