

Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee of CAPP  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Committee members present: Aimee Baxter, Chair; Deena Schuppe, Nick Nelson, Vice Chair; Nora Taylor, Linda Fuller, alternate  
Public present: Michael Childers, Keith Sowl, Carol Sowl

**1. Call to Order.**

Affordable Housing Committee meeting called to order at 6:09 pm on Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Nora Taylor will take the minutes.

**2. Discussion and/or Approval of the following minutes:**

**A. September 23, 2009**

Linda Fuller will get back with these since they have been misplaced.

**B. October 21, 2009**

N. Nelson sent them but no one can open files. Will try again.

**3. Discuss current housing on-going projects.**

Keith can email the Ashland County Housing Authority (ACHA) five year plan. The plan says that the ACHA is in the process of building six units on Madeline Island. N. Nelson will contact Denise for an update.

**4. Discuss Michael Childer's land chat.**

Jeff Sowl, realtor, was also invited.

The purpose of meeting with realtors is to find potential properties that could be developed for affordable housing that people could buy. According to the survey people want to have their own home. Funding is available for single family homes.

Discussion of various areas such as Mondamin Trail area, Rice Street extension area, Sunny Slope area that could have potential land available. Would like to have utilities available such as sewer, electric.

Keith and Carol Sowl leave.

Survey showed that there are several people on the island between the ages of 20 and 40 would like to stay on the island, most of them are single and would like to own property. If property would not be available here they would go elsewhere. Rent to own could work if there was funding and ACHA said they could find funds for that. Could ask the public if we should establish a commission.

Any housing authority in the area could manage this project – does not have to be the ACHA. The smaller the number of homes, the more doable. There probably is not land available for 25 homes. Better to have a few in several different areas than many in one. Tom Landgraf works with several communities in the area, doing renovations, new homes, stresses the green factor. L. Fuller will send M. Childers website info. Committee members would like to see the maps of the island Michael Childers has available.

Thank you to Michael.

**5. Discuss new housing development sources.**

Nothing at this time.

**6. Update on Habitat for Humanity contact.**

Rick Fairbanks from Habitat for Humanity would like to meet with us during the day in the next couple of weeks.

Discussion of cordwood homes which Habitat could create with volunteer help from people on the island.

N. Nelson will be in contact with Rick.

**7. Set Agenda and next meeting date and time.**

Informational meeting scheduled at M. Childer's office at Island Shores on Tuesday, Dec 1 at 3:30 pm to look at maps showing available property.

**8. Adjourn.**

Motion by to adjourn by D. Schuppe, second, A. Baxter. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Kathy Erickson, Clerical Assistant

Minutes approved as presented January 22, 2010