

Provincetown Community Housing Council

Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street

January 31, 2012

4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Joe Carleo, AJ Alon, and Molly Perdue [5:03 pm]

Staff: Community Housing Specialist Michelle Jarusiewicz

Harriet Gordon resigned from her position on the Housing Authority and therefore is no longer the Housing Authority representative to the CHC, and also no longer the CHC's representative to the Community Preservation Committee.

CPA Local Rental Voucher Program Request: Members of the CHC were present at a meeting of the Community Preservation Committee to learn more about a proposed subsidy program to help people stay in their homes. The presentation was done by Valerie Foster from the Chatham Housing Authority. During this presentation no quorum was present. As the presentation and questions period concluded a third member of CHC arrived and with a quorum present, the meeting was called to order. A.J. and Joe were both at the CPC presentation by Valerie Foster and were able to recap what was said for Molly who had missed the presentation.

The questions of concern included ones that were answered during the presentation:

- All participants must have a lease
- Participant must be year round residents
- Landlords must accept rent based on the lease and cannot increase the rent without explaining any increase.
- Payment of subsidies goes directly to the landlord
- All participants must also be a part of a financial planning educational program or they can no longer receive the subsidy.
- Participants are reviewed annually to determine/assess progress; subsidies can be modified based on changes in the participants' financial status.
- The Provincetown program could begin as a smaller program than proposed – for example 5 households instead of 10 – as the start-up costs will basically be the same regardless of the size of the program.

A.J. Made a Motion: That the CHC support the proposal to CPC to create a rental subsidy program for local residents at the level specified in the proposal (10 households.)

Molly seconded the motion; motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Molly brought up the critical need to bring new members onto the CHC especially in light of the recent departure of two members of the Council. A discussion followed and all members agreed to actively pursue new/additional members to appoint.

Another CHC meeting was posted to take place on Wednesday, February 1 at 5:30. A motion was made to cancel that meeting by A.J. and seconded by Molly. The motion passed 3-0-0. The next meeting of the CHC will be scheduled via email through the Housing Specialist.

A.J. made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed 3-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Submitted by: Michelle Jarusiewicz, Community Housing Specialist