

Economic Development Council

Minutes

Meeting: November 29, 2005, 9 am

Town Hall Auditorium

Present from EDC:

Members: Chairman Steve Melamed, Bill Dougal, Alix Ritchie, Gabrielle Hanna

Staff: Building Commissioner Douglas Taylor

Present from CPC:

Members: Chair Elaine Anderson, Eric Dray, Stephen Milkewicz, Winthrop Smith, Mona Anderson

Chair Elaine Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:09 am.

Bill Dougal discussed joint meeting held on November 28 with the Board of Selectmen and that they agree that strategic planning for affordable housing is a major priority. He also discussed the five major goals the EDC will focus on.

Elaine informed EDC members that the CPC created a survey regarding affordable, year-round housing and year-round rental housing and agrees that there is a definite need for affordable housing.

Suggestions are given by various members to temporarily solve the housing issue while something more permanent is being done. It is also suggested that the affordable housing that already exists should be preserved.

CPC has 10% of funds that they must use or bank. The CPC shared their preliminary numbers as to what they consider affordable housing:

For a 2-person home

39,500 low

49,400 moderate

74,050 median

For a 4-person home

49,350 low

61,700 moderate

92,550 median

Bill suggests the 5.2 million be leveraged - find out where the greatest need is, who will be eligible, how many units, and where it will be built. Once that has been determined, go forward with request for applications. Also, figure out what can be done in the interim to keep people in the community.

Mona suggests that Day Care facilities be a part of the spending. CPC numbers suggest that 50,000 - 125,000 (per unit) will go toward affordable housing.

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Several ideas are discussed for making housing available such as property owners making housing available provided they get them back and calling a State of Emergency in order for Provincetown to get mobile homes and fast track rental projects up to 100 units.

Elaine Made Motion: In recognition of the fact that there is a State of Emergency regarding the loss and need of affordable rental housing in Provincetown, the CPC will begin an advertising a campaign before the proposal deadline of January 6th requesting Fast Track Rental Proposals of Projects of 50 or more units on one or more sites and also recommend to the BOS that they develop a program to provide interim rental housing on an emergency basis.

Second by Win Smith and Steve Milkewicz

6-0 in favor

Alix made Motion #1: The EDC will endorse the CPC's above-voted motions.

Gabby Second

5-0 in favor

Alix made Motion #2: The EDC will proceed in cooperation with the CPC to approach the Board of Selectmen in order to get their endorsement and assistance to get a solution to this problem.

Bill Second

5-0 in favor

Meeting adjourned at 10:45