

Lincoln Housing Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2019, 7:40 AM
Donaldson Room, 16 Lincoln Road

Members Present: Keith Gilbert, Chair; Evan Gorman, Vice Chair; Diana Chirita, and Bijoy Misra
(Member unavailable: Allen Vander Meulen)

Also present: Elaine Carroll, Adm. Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 AM. Evan Gorman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2019 meeting as written. Diana Chirita seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. Diana Chirita made a motion to approve the minutes from May 8, 2018 Housing Coalition meeting as written. Evan Gorman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. Evan Gorman made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2019 Housing Coalition meeting as amended. Evan Gorman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

30 Sunnyside Lane:

The members discussed an e-mail from Jen Burney regarding the annual recertification for the tenant at 30 Sunnyside Lane which has not been done since 2015. Since that unit was renovated with Home Funds the Housing Commission needs to send the annual documents for the tenant to be sure that they continue to qualify for that unit. This needs to be sent to Rachel Powers, Community Development and Home Program Manager in Newton. This recertification will need to be done before June 30, 2019.

Housing Coalition Meeting:

There is a planned Housing Coalition meeting on May 21, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. at which time Tim Higgins, Jen Burney and Paula Vaughn want to discuss rejoining the Regional Housing Services Office to do various tasks for the Housing Coalition. Keith read an email from Tim Higgins in which a plan is put forward to rejoin RHSO for \$20-\$30k annually. In addition another \$20k would be needed to pay a part time housing consultant. These funds would come out of the Housing Revolving Fund, the CPC, the AHT and possibly the Lincoln Foundation. Diana felt that the Housing Commission was not consulted on this beforehand and the HC should have a say in rejoining the RHSO before a meeting in which a representative would be present. She feels that the Housing Coalition should hold a meeting to discuss the possibility of rejoining RHSO before any representative is present. She said that as a Housing Commission it is our duty to decide what goals to set, rather than have someone else decide for us. We are now at 10% SHI for 20-30 years so what do we need to get done for \$20k a year? Is this the way that we want to go? The Chair has to bring this to the Commission for a vote as to whether we want to consider rejoining RHSO. We should find out what our goals are for the future and do it as a group. Right now we only have one need and that is for recertification of the units which should not exceed \$1,000 – 2,000 a year.

The members were split as to whether they wanted a Housing Coalition meeting with the consultant present at the May 21 meeting. Evan Gorman made a motion to propose that an e-mail be sent by Keith Gilbert to Tim Higgins and James Craig that it may be premature for the Housing Coalition to be meeting with the consultant present at this time. Diana Chirita seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

All other agenda items will be discussed at the next meeting

Bills Paid:

Eversource for 75 Tower Road public areas - \$10.54; Silva Plumbing for 26 Sunnyside Lane - \$463.00

Meeting Schedule:

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7:40 a.m.

At 9:00 a.m., Diana Chirita made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bijoy Misra seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Submitted by Elaine Carroll