

**Town of La Pointe
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Tuesday June 14 , 2022
9:00 am at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Katie Sanders; Chair, Jim Peters, Jane Vogt, Ken Myhre, Charlie Bertel, Tom Kromroy and Mark Pass.
Members absent: Lauren Schuppe and Marie Iannazzo
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator
Public present: Lisa Rogers
Sarah Kierzek, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin
Jennifer Johnson, Executive Director Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) meeting was called to order by Katie Sanders, Chair.

2. Public Comment

Lisa introduced herself and expressed interest in joining the committee.

3. Minutes of the following meetings to be considered for approval:

A. May 10, 2022

Motion by Jim to approve the AHAC minutes of May 10, 2022, seconded by Ken, all ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Reports from committee members

A. Habitat for Humanity Presentation

- Sarah and Jennifer gave an overview of the programs and services they offer including new home/modular home builds, USDA programs and repair/rehab grants. Sarah stated they work only with homeownership, not rentals. Habitat itself works only with families at 30%-60% of area median income, though USDA 502 and other programs they administer can go up to 115% of AMI.
- Jane will set up a meeting with Sarah and Jennifer for a more in-depth conversation, especially around rehab.

B. Cinnaire Market Study

Jim reported that he, Ken and Michael K had an initial conversation with Mark McDaniels, CEO at Cinnaire, who worked on housing projects on Mackinac Island, to get information on their services. Cinnaire is a non-profit Community Development Finance Institution that is based in Michigan and has worked with communities in the Midwest and the Atlantic Coast. They tentatively have another phone meeting schedule for Thur. 6/16/22 to get more information.

C. Hartzell update, presentation in July?

- Ken reported that he met with Bob Hartzell, he seemed eager to partner up, in some fashion. Bob would like to meet with the committee to discuss

a possible partnership. Committee will assemble more information to prepare for meeting

- Michael reported that Christine Stanton, Bob's chief of staff on the island will be attending a WHEDA ideation session next week.

D. Potential properties

Tom reported on a few (seem to be abandoned) properties he found on a drive around the island. He will put together a report with photos and e-mail to the committee.

Michael will research the history/covenants on Town properties on Sunny Slope and South Shore Rd.

5. Update on WHEDA

Michael reported they are moving into phase 2. After the ideation session next week, the regional group will work on 3-4 routes to propose to the state. The goal is to have the ideas be a model that each community can create thru WHEDA.

6. Recommendations to Town Board

None

7. Public Comment

Charlie spoke with Rachel Wagner of Greendale Corp regarding a financial assistance program they are developing. Mark also mentioned Greendale is working with the City of Superior to build net-zero energy-use homes on vacant lots the city has donated.

Mark spoke with Jim Payne, mayor of the city of Superior, and he is willing to discuss their affordable housing efforts with this committee.

8. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 12, 2022, 9 am at Town Hall/Zoom

10. Adjourn

Motion by Jane to adjourn, seconded by Tom.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
Minutes approved as presented July 12, 2022.