

**Town of La Pointe
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Tuesday November 22, 2022
1:00 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Katie Sanders (Chair), Marie Iannazzo, Rachel Rosen, Robert Kramer, Jane Vogt, Charlie Bertel, Jim Peters, Lauren Schuppe
Members absent: Ken Myhre, Gwen Smith Patterson, Mark Pass
Members on leave of absence: Lisa Sill and Cedar Schimke
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Katie Sanders, Chair at 1:03 pm.

2. Public Comment

None

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

- A. September 13, 2022**
- B. September 26, 2022**
- C. October 11, 2022**
- D. October 28, 2022**

Motion by Jim to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jane, all ayes. Motion Carried. *Note: Robert and Lauren were not present for this vote.*

4. Reports & Updates:

A. Discussion of RFP award

- Michael said he received an e-mail from Mary Bujold at Maxfield Research looking for information on how much employees can afford to pay for housing. Marie will reach out to Mary to get her the information she needs.
- Robert would like employer pay range information also given for objectivity. Michael stated that part of Maxfield's scope of work is to contact employers, and will he prompt Mary to explore. Michael also stated that Mary has seen the employer survey results this committee did in 2021.

B. WHEDA update

Michael reported WHEDA has hired new consultants and they are progressing with the pilot program projects. They have decided on 3 concepts: small, scattered-site development, buy-out buy-in fund (similar to a land trust), and zoning review and reform. They are having 2 online public sessions: 12/9 at 10am and 12/14 at 4pm, Michael will e-mail information to the committee for anyone interested in attending.

C. Grant updates

Michael reported the committee has received \$4,000 from 2 grants (Grutzner & Michael Fund) and are hoping for \$4,000 from the Island Association with a \$4,000 match from the Town. Including previous grants received from Apostle Islands Area Community Funds, the cost of the Maxfield Research contract will be covered fully by grants/matches and the committee still has the \$13,000+ in a designated fund.

D. Property updates

1. Cinnaire Update

Michael, Jim, Mark, and Ken met with Cinnaire representatives and gave them a tour of 5-6 potential properties including Town- and privately owned land. Their recommendation was property owned by the Town on Big Bay Road near Rice Street. They are waiting on the results of the Maxfield Research study to decide next steps.

E. Comprehensive Plan

- Michael gave a review on where the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is in their process.
- Discussion on where this committee fits into the Comprehensive Plan.

Jim asked for work groups to be re-established;
Zoning regulations/restrictions – Jim and Charlie
Land acquisition – Ken and Mark

5. Recommendations to Town Board

None

6. Public Comment

None

7. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday December 13, 2022, 1 pm at Town Hall/Zoom

8. Adjourn

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant

Minutes approved as presented 12/13/2022.D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant