

Town of La Pointe
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Thursday May 16, 2023
1:00 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes

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

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) meeting was called to order by Katie Sanders at 1:00 pm.

2. Public Comment - None

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

A. April 27, 2023

Motion by Jane to approve the minutes, seconded by Robert, all ayes.
Motion Carried.

4. Reports & Updates

A. Update/reactivate resources list/database (Marie, Jane & Lauren)

No progress to report. Marie will discuss with Lauren before next meeting.

B. Update on land trust

Michael reported that one of the WHEDA Pilot Project work groups is creating a regional community land trust. They are hoping to have a proposal by July and present it to the full WHEDA Board by August. Michael has been attending the meetings, but he doesn't have the capacity to do additional research. He suggested maybe someone from this committee could participate instead. The goal of the land trust is to acquire a number of properties in the bay region and maintain their affordability.

C. Discussions

a. publicizing Maxfield/RFP to Gazette, community at large?

Consensus to hold a public presentation in mid-July explaining the RFP and to put a summary of the findings and RFP in the Gazette prior to this presentation. (Michael K will draft) Michael noted the full Maxfield report is on the Town's website.

b. sharing Maxfield findings with employers?

Discussion about presenting findings specifically with employers.

Consensus that employers should be advised that the committee's current focus is long-term rentals (as directed by the Town Board) but a separate

outreach (outside of the public presentation) is not needed. Michael will draft a summary for employers for the committee to review.

c. desired committee involvement with conversations for community center.

Consensus not to pursue direct involvement but to be available for conversation with the Library should they choose to go forward with acquiring the Bell Street Tavern.

5. Recommendations to Town Board

Consensus to inform the Town Board of the committee's desire to hold a public presentation mid-July.

Jane asked about what the Town Board approved at their last meeting. Michael stated they authorized the committee to draft an RFP for developers, any zoning revisions would go through the Town Plan Commission, and there was no commitment to specific land but the parcel we asked for may be used for the RFP.

6. Public Comment

John Carlson suggested the committee stay away from affordable housing discussions with the Library until the Bell Street Tavern is acquired. John asked the committee to make sure the land they are looking at for an RFP doesn't have a covenant from being donated to the Town.

7. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date

Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday 6/13/2023, 1 pm at Town Hall/Zoom.
Agenda: continue discussions, RFP draft

8. Adjourn

Motion by Marie to adjourn, seconded by Ken, all ayes. Motion Carried.

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

Minutes approved as presented 6/13/23. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant