

MINUTES OF THE
MILLIKEN HOUSING AUTHORITY
MEETING HOUSE
NOVEMBER 12, 2013

Call to Order

The Town of Milliken Housing Authority convened on the 12th of November at 1:43 p.m. at the Meeting House. Those present were Commissioners Janie Lichtfuss, Lois Ann Onorato, Brenda Kittleson, Leann Larson and Bev West. Philip Waggoner, Rich Eckwall, Angie, Anne Johnson, Gale Amaya and Jim Burack were also present. Commissioner Gloria Dunn and David James were absent.

Reports of Officers

Commissioner West added the Discussion Item of Disaster Relief options for families, to the Discussion Agenda.

Action Agenda

There was none.

Discussion Agenda

1. 2014 Dove Valley Budget Presentation

David James from the Loveland Housing Authority was absent. Presenting in his place was Angie, who is also from Loveland Housing Authority.

In presenting the budget for 2014, Angie noted that it was tight. In providing the budget overview, she also pointed out that there would be a 3% increase in tenants' rents due to CHFA requirements.

Commissioners Onorato and Lichtfuss had questions pertaining to utilities. Angie directed all unanswerable questions to Sharlet Lee, Finance Director of the Loveland Housing Authority.

After general discussion amongst the Commissioners, Commissioner Onorato motioned for approval, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner West. The 2014 Dove Valley Budget passed unanimously.

2. Flood Response and Mobile Home Discussion

Jim Burack introduced Greg Winkler from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, who then led the discussion on the current status of the mobile home parks in light of the recent flooding.

Mr. Winkler noted that the Town has allowed people to begin moving back in, but the Town is currently researching long-term housing options.

In regard to the FEMA trailers, Mr. Winkler noted that these trailers are meant to be limited, temporary housing for up to 18 months while long term housing is pursued. Also, these trailers must be applied for on an individual basis, and based on need. In light of the temporary nature of these trailers, there is still a great need for long term affordable housing options in Milliken.

Mr. Eckwall noted that conversations and grant applications with the Colorado Division of Housing and CHFA are underway. The funding for a full time staff person to focus on housing in Milliken has been included in the application requests from Loveland Housing. There are two applications deadlines moving forward, of March 1 and July 1.

There was continued discussion and dialogue amongst the commissioners and the Town staff and Loveland staff, regarding next steps, infrastructure and the new committee to be formed meant to address the needs of the Town in this recovery phase, post-flooding. The Milliken Housing authority will be play a key role in the recovery phase in discussing long-term affordable housing options.

3. Habitat for Humanity and Long-term Affordable Housing

Town Planner Anne Johnson discussed the future role of Habitat for Humanity in Milliken's long-term pursuit of affordable housing. Ms. Johnson noted that Habitat is interested in working with the Town in a variety of capacities, depending on the direction the Housing Authority and Town wish to move.

Ms. Johnson also noted that the Habitat for Humanity can acquire in-filled and foreclosed lots quickly and could potentially be a partner moving forward. She also noted that Habitat would like to come in to present what they can do for the Town, at a future Housing Authority meeting.

4. Disaster Relief

Commissioner West briefly discussed an application and grant process for individual families through the county to receive disaster aid for housing. The application deadline for the individual assistance is January 31, 2014.

Other Business

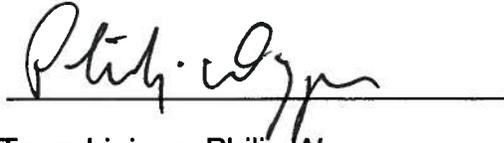
There was none.

Adjournment

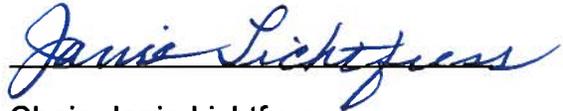
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next special meeting will be Thursday, December 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Meeting House.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

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Town Liaison, Philip Waggoner

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Chair, Janie Lichtfuss