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

Call to Order

The Town of Milliken Housing Authority convened on the 12th of December at 1:30 p.m. at the Meeting House. Those present were Chair Janie Lichtfuss, Lois Ann Onorato, Brenda Kittleson, Gloria Dunn, Leann Larson, David James and Bev West. Philip Waggoner, David James, Anne Johnson, Gale Amaya and were also present. Rich Eckwall, was absent.

Reports of Officers

None

Action Agenda

1. Approval of revised 2014 Budget was presented by Charlotte. Lois Ann Onorato motions to approve the Budget after discussion of the revisions. Gloria Dunn, seconded the motion.

Discussion Agenda

1. Habitat for Humanity and Long Term Affordable Housing

   Presenters: Anne Johnson, Town of Milliken; Letitia Horace, Director of Operations, State of Colorado Habitat for Humanity; Leianne Romero, Executive Director, Greeley Area Habitat for Humanity (GAHH)

   Director Horace mentioned that Habitat for Humanity has a global presence. Then, she noted the Colorado affiliate mission is to "rebuild Colorado" through building affordable, decent and safe housing.

   Director Horace noted that Habitat partners with those in need, when the following criteria are observed:

   1. Need for Affordable housing
   2. Willingness to Partner – the homeowner must provide 250-500 sweat hours.
   3. Ability to Repay mortgage

   Director Romero of GAHH also underscored the importance of ensuring residents know that they are receiving a "Hand Up not a Hand Out". She also expressed that it is a community effort run by donations and volunteers to help offset cost to help keep homes affordable through, for example, no-interest

mortgages. Also highlighted was the importance of ensuring family approval prior to land acquisition and/or any other steps taken in the building process.

There was continued dialogue and discussion amongst the Commissioners and presenters. The Housing Authority and the Town encouraged the presenters to return to the January 16th meeting in order to discuss a future partnership in light of the post-flood reality in the Town.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 16th at 1:30 p.m. at the Meeting House.

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Approved by:

Janie Lichtfuss

Chair, Janie Lichtfuss