

Minutes of Special Meeting
HOUSING PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Village of Oak Park
November 30, 2016
7:00 pm – Room 215

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was officially called to order at 7:03 pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Trisha Girdwood, Debby Macey, Mary Mauney, Catharine Schutzius, Dominic Tocci (Chair)

ABSENT: Frank FioRito

STAFF PRESENT: Andrew Williams-Clark (staff liaison)

GUESTS PRESENT: Nick Reise

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: It was agreed that Item 7 would be tabled for the January meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Mauney moved to approve the October 2016 meeting minutes without revision. Mr. Tocci seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Discuss July 25, 2016 Village Board Study Session on Affordable Housing: Mr. Williams-Clark reviewed the presentation that he and Director Grossman delivered to the Board of Trustees at the July 25 Study Session meeting. The presentation included an overview of housing and demographic conditions, current Village housing programs and investments, and a series of options for investing new affordable housing fund anticipated to be available in 2017. Totaling around \$1,000,000, these funds will come from planned developments and redevelopment agreements. Per these agreements, the funds will be devoted to affordable housing.

The Board directed staff to explore new programs and investments over using the funds to offset general revenue investments in current programs or expanding them. Specifically, Trustees directed staff to explore both down payment assistance and rental assistance programs. They also discussed the potential to adopt an Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) Ordinance, which would require developers to set aside a certain percentage of all new residential construction for affordable housing units. Village Staff are currently in the process of preparing a report on these options for the Board.

HPAC Members had a robust discussion about the various options under consideration by the Board. In general they expressed a desire to invest the funds in

the most sustainable and impactful way and consider options to replenish the funds over time. They also believed that it might be beneficial to consider allowing affordable housing developers to apply for the funds, so that they could be invested in affordable housing developments in the future.

Other Business: Mr. Williams-Clark reported that Mr. Reise intended to apply for the HPAC seat left vacant by Garth Katner. Mr. Tocci and Mr. Williams-Clark agreed to meet with M. Reise before the next meeting to provide him an introduction of the committee and its work.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Macey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Ms. Schutzius seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Williams-Clark, Staff Liaison