



Lexington Housing Partnership

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, June 26, 2016

Attendees: Harriet Cohen, Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti, Jeri Foutter, Mary Haskell, Wendy Manz, Bob Pressman, Melinda Walker, Betsey Weiss

Absent: Joe Pato, Paul Linton

Guests: Bob Bicknell

The meeting was chaired by Melinda Walker and the minutes were taken by Harriet Cohen. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

1. Approval of minutes of May 28, 2015

Ms. Weiss moved approval of the minutes; Mr. Pressman seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

2. Lexington Housing Authority: (LHA) Update on Executive Director/Walker

Ms. Walker informed the LHP that Steve Keane, the Executive Director of the LHA has resigned his position. The LHA will be searching for a new executive director.

3. Update on accessible units at Greeley Village (LHA)/Walker

Ms. Walker reports that the 4 accessible units at Greeley Village are now under construction. Existing power lines are being moved, after which the foundation will be laid. The anticipated completion date is December 2015. Occupancy could be as early as January 2016.

4. Update on Fairview: Groundbreaking on Monday, July 13!

The groundbreaking ceremony will be on Monday, July 13. LHP members and the public in general are welcome to come.

5. Report on 1st meeting of Planning Board sub-committee on Housing Policy/Foutter

The first meeting was on June 9. The chair is Gina Johnson. Members are Richard Canale (Planning Board), Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti (Planning Board), Michael Leung (Planning Board associate member), Jeri Foutter, and Tom Harden. The Committee discussed the creation of initiatives based on the meeting at the listening session at the Clark Middle School. One of the initiatives is on affordable housing. There was also a discussion of neighborhood conservation districts. Town Meeting would have to vote to allow neighborhood conservation districts.

There will be a public workshop on September 24 to get feedback on the initiatives in progress by the sub-committee. This is the third Thursday of the month, so the Partnership will move its meeting.

The sub-committee also discussed the Zoning Board of Appeals and whether the ZBA is fulfilling its charter.

6. Report on Wright Farm and Busa/Pressman

Mr. Pressman reports that the closing on the sale will be about November 1. LexHAB needs to write a letter to the BOS to get the money for the rehab work.



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LexFarm wanted to meet with LexHAB to discuss issues of mutual interests. Bob Burbage, Lester Savage, and the new chair and vice chair of LexFarm attended the meeting. LexHAB informed the LexFarm attendees that construction would likely start in a year.

7. LHP Foundation Meeting: Discussion of allocation of treasury funds/Bicknell and Foutter

Ms. Weiss moved that the LHP recess its meeting for the purpose of having a meeting of the Lexington Housing Foundation. Ms. Corcoran-Ronchetti seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Corcoran-Ronchetti moved that the LHP reconvene. Betsey second. The motion passed unanimously. The LHP reconvened at 9:03 pm.

8. Discussion of board membership

The LHP noted that the partnership needs to recruit new members.

9. New business

Ms. Walker reported that David Eagle passed away this week. He had made tremendous contributions to LexHAB.

Ms. Haskell moved that Mr. Pressman be re-appointed to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), Nancy C-R seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Walker will contact Liz Rust (RHSO) regarding the HOME funds to assist low income individuals with apartment security deposits and first month rents.

10. Set next meeting date

The next LHP meeting will be on September 17.

11. Meeting adjournment

Ms. Weiss moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Cohen seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.