

Affordable Housing Board Meeting
Thursday, February 27, 2014

The following are the minutes of the Affordable Housing Board meeting, which was held on Thursday, February 27, 2014 in the Community Development Conference Room, located in the Lawrence Township Municipal Building.

Statement of Proper Notice

Adequate notice of the regular meeting of the Lawrence Township Affordable Housing Board has been provided by filing an annual meeting schedule with the Municipal Clerk, and by filing the agenda with the Municipal Clerk, posting prominently in the Municipal Building, and mailing to the Trenton Times, the Trentonian and the Lawrence Ledger.

Opening of Meeting/Roll Call:

Present: Peter Ferrone, John Masso, Susan McCloskey, Kevin VanHise, Jean Washington, Walker Ristau, Murali Mallampati

Absent: None

Excused Absence: James Kownacki, Council Liaison

Also Present: J. Andrew Link, Principal Planner, Susan Snook, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

The January 16, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

Approval of 2014 Meeting Schedule:

The meeting schedule was approved by unanimous vote.

Welcome New Member:

The Board members introduced themselves to the our new member, Murali Mallamptai

Mr. Mallamptai is on the Board for the Eagles Chase Homeowners Association. Mr. Mallamptai stated he is not sure what this all pertains to. Therefore, Chairperson VanHise gave a description of the Board does and what COAH is all about.

Public Comment:

None

Status of Changes at State Level

Chairperson VanHise stated that the Fair Share Advocacy groups had enough and filed a motion with the Appellate Division seeking that the Court draft new rules; revoke municipal protections and/or appoint a Special Master. Basis of their motion, COAH was supposed to have five months to come up with new rules and at the end of January, COAH was out of time to make new rules by the February 26th deadline and therefore they are seeking assistance from the appellate division.

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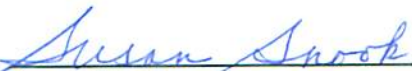
With the February 26th deadline for COAH to have their rules adopted, the appellate division scheduled arguments for March 5th. COAH went to the Supreme Court on a motion to extend the timeframe in the Court's original order saying they received the data, not had to review it all and therefore we need more time.

The bigger question is what happens to the appellate division which is scheduled for next week. Does the appellate division even have jurisdiction to entertain a motion if the Order is back in front of the Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court hears it then they have to allow the other parties (State, Municipalities) fair share to chime in.

Other Business:

Mr. Link stated he was in touch Carmen Roman and they will have their application in before the next meeting and it will be distributed to the Board members for review 20 days before the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.


Susan Snook
Secretary

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