

Minutes from Select Housing Committee Meeting September 19, 2012

1. Call to Order: Mayor Lightfoot (Committee Chair) at 10:35 am.

In Attendance Jessoa Lightfoot, Tricia Thorpe, Dorothy Dodge and Marie Heaster.
Tricia Thorpe to take minutes.

2. Addition of Late Items:

Additional Members- It was suggested that we look at including additional community members and noted that Christine Brown from LFN was absent.

3. Adoption of Agenda:

Moved, seconded by Directors Lightfoot and Thorpe that the agenda be adopted as presented.

4. Adoption of Minutes: there are no minutes to adopt at this inaugural meeting.

5. Delegations: there are no delegations at this time.

6. Items for Discussion:

-preface- Mayor Lightfoot explained that purpose of the committee is to look at the communities housing needs. Committee is to prioritize need, make suggestions on what type of housing, where to locate, and how to implement. Recommendations to be made to council by February 2013. Council will then facilitate an open house in March 2013 for further public opinion.

-priority- committee identified Senior Housing as a priority, with housing for physically challenged to also be considered.

-vision- discussion on collaboration and including LFN in planning and implementing .

-location- 2 sites discussed. Building new from an empty lot or renovating an existing building. (a) Vacant Church lot behind the hotel with potentially 6 or 7 units. Marie Heaster still has plans featuring a modular design from when site was considered for assisted living. (b) Old Hospital building with potentially 8-10 units. Marie Heaster has structure, electrical and some asbestos removal reports dating back to 1999.

-grants- CMHC may have \$10K grant available to survey on potential sites. Possible Heritage grant if renovating an existing building.

-funding & operation- discussion around how to set up housing. Should individual units be purchased(strata), be rentals, or a co-operative of some sort? Should there be a Housing Society to oversee?

7. Follow-up- for next meeting (a) Jessoa to look into modules for vacant lot (b) Tricia

to contact CMHC for availability and how to apply for potential grant to do survey.

8. Adjournment- meeting adjourned at 12:30pm. Next meeting date set for 10:30am October 17th- Dorothy's residence.