

Members Present:

Jen Coates, Shirley Diaz, Ellen Hunter, Mike Fedel

No public communications were presented.

Update on Prior Meeting

A discussion took place concerning the new composition of the Authority and its future status. Some members asked if it should continue to exist. Ouray County and the Town of Ridgway say "forge ahead". The City of Ouray will withdraw since most of its residents don't meet an 80 AMI threshold. Mike will talk to Patrick Rondinelli about a formal letter of withdrawal from the City. The current IGA can function with the two remaining parties but Jen believes a new IGA may be necessary.

Appointment of Joint Members

Shirley Diaz was nominated by Hunter as a joint member. Motion seconded by Fedel and passed. Michael Underwood was nominated by Hunter as a joint member. Motion seconded by Fedel and passed. Hunter nominated Diaz to serve as President. Shirley agreed to serve but cautioned that there may be conflicts with her job at the SMRHA. Motion seconded by Fedel and passed. Diaz nominated Hunter as Vice President. Motion seconded by Fedel and passed. Diaz nominates Michael Underwood to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion seconded by Hunter and passed.

Home Buying Class

Shirley will hold a two hour "teaser" class for potential homebuyers to distribute information and sign them up for a full class if they are interested. Shirley has experts available for the class to talk about credit, lending, prices, time frames and other pertinent topics. The class will be available at a nominal cost.

Action Plan

Each board member will be tasked with an element of the plan. The Southwest Housing meeting went well. Gunnison County may tie together affordable housing with the current economic development discussions. Hunter would like to integrate our local EDC goals into the action plan. The question is how to keep jobs here and provide housing for the employees. The needs assessment is nearing completion and will be sent out for review and comment. Diaz will present the final report in two future public meetings. Jen Coates or Ellen Hunter will contact the GEO western region representative as to the status of the Weatherization Program. The OCHA was unable to enter into an agreement with Delta on the home rehab program due to the attorney's objection. Can the County sign an IGA to do this? Shirley will coordinate with Mike to explore this option. The program can provide rehab and down payment assistance countywide. Mike will introduce this to the BOCC and Jo Rosenquist will present it. Shirley currently handles S.D. and will continue to do so.

OCHA Records

Jen Coates currently has the OCHA records at the Town of Ridgway. All agreed that this was acceptable and asked that the arrangement continue. Jen agreed.

Minutes & Meetings

The reading of the March 2nd minutes was postponed until the next meeting. The next meeting will be held in Ouray in July at a date TBD. We also proposed a meeting for October on a date TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.