

Concord Affordable Housing Funding Committee

Meeting Minutes: June 6, 2018 meeting rev 6.30.18

Committee members present: Holly Darzen (clerk), Todd Benjamin (chair), Sue Myers, Ray Andrews

Others Present: none

1. The 5/31 meeting minutes need #3 corrected to indicate “up to 75%” at the 110% level”. They were approved with this correction.
2. Regarding Vince Carlson’s proposals, we decided that we should include a sales tax as “considered but rejected” in our list of studied options. We discussed identifying large banks/corporations that might be solicited for affordable housing donations. Holly suggested we might avoid those corporate groups Community Chest solicits. Todd and Sue will look into corporate community responsibility. Ray will look further into how the real estate and sales tax abatements work.
3. We agreed the Select Board received Todd’s presentation quite positively. We should continue to connect with Linda Escobedo to get any specific feedback from them regarding individual funding strategies.
4. Sue Myers will work with Dorrie Kehoe to keep the LOWV informed and get their feedback.
5. Todd reported that Vince Carlson and John Thompson (a realtor) are potential committee members. Todd will get John’s contact information and Ray will invite Vince.
6. Sue reviewed her outline of a community plan for mounting a campaign to support our recommendations. Committee members should sign up for groups mentioned in the plan to liaise with.
7. We should all think about an elevator pitch for our recommendations, and do whatever additional cleanup//revision is necessary on our strategies.
8. The next meeting will be 6/19.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Darzen clerk