

Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee

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Minutes of: 10/11/07

Members Present: Chairman Ron DiOrio, Harvey Beth, John Bradford,
Ann Margetson, James Westervelt (recorder)

Guests: none

Meeting called to order by Chairman DiOrio at 10:00am. **Minutes of 9/13/07 were read and accepted 5-0.**

Chairman DiOrio initiated discussion surrounding the two applications put forth by the OBAHC for CPA money. One application seeks \$400,000 to go towards the Bradley Sq. project initiated by the Island Affordable Housing Fund and the Island Housing Trust. We would be seeking two affordable units along with the cultural center. Harvey discussed the mixed use possibilities. John expressed concern that the cultural center could be a drain on the Town budget.

The other application was for \$24,000 for the old library conversion project. James expressed confusion over this application and the way it was worded. A general discussion followed concerning the approach to the CPA committee. Last year the CPC recommended \$226,000 to Town Meeting for approval. We (AHC) withdrew the Trust Fund warrant and hence no vote to appropriate. Chairman DiOrio subsequently requested of the CPC the funds to go to the AHC for the old library project. The CPC recommended \$50,000 and the Town voted to appropriate. The CPA fund still has the remaining \$176,000 that was recommended for the Trust Fund but never voted upon at Town Meeting. Should we ask for the \$176,000 from last year (to go towards the old library project) now, then go for a special town meeting vote in the fall/winter months.

It decided that Ron would request a meeting with CPC as soon as possible to discuss the situation and the \$176,000.

Ron then discussed the Bradley Square project and that the building committee met informally with John Bradford (Planning Board Chair), Richie Combra (Highway Supt.), and Joe Alosso (Waste Water Supt.). Everything is being done to make the project fit into the neighborhood. The building committee will speak next with PD and FD Chiefs.

We then had a general discussion led by Harvey on the differences between Enterprise Funds and Revolving Recreation Funds.

The OB Affordable Housing Trust Fund was discussed and we will go forward with a warrant for the next special town meeting.

A discussion on the status of the Resident Homesite Committee and what, if anything, is going to happen to it. No one seems to know.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 am