

# Oak Bluffs

## Affordable Housing Committee

**Date:** 07.21.09

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Location:** Town Hall Meeting Room

**Members present:**

Chairman Ron DiOrio, Harvey Beth, Brian Hughes, James Westervelt(recorder)

**Members absent:**

John Bradford

**Item: Old Library Conversion Project**

**Chairman DiOrio** opened the meeting to discuss the bids received. All members agreed that there would not be sufficient funding to cover any of the bids. It appears The Town of Oak Bluffs and the Affordable Housing Committee have determined that due to the dollar amount of bids received for the construction of the above project, there is not sufficient funding to move forward.

**HB moved the Affordable Housing Committee formally reject all bids**, motion seconded by **JW**. Vote: 4 in favor of rejecting all bids.

Discussion followed as to how to move forward. **BH** said he missed the meeting when bids were open and also did not know of the conference call to our grant writer **Alice Boyd**. **RD** summarized for **BH** the suggestions made during the conference call that took place on 7.17.09. Due to insufficient funds **Alice Boyd** suggested amending the application to the state DHCD. An amendment might make it possible for an entity like Dukes County Regional Housing Authority or Island Housing Trust or The Resource, Inc. to lease the property and oversee the construction.

**RD** and **HB** both commented that the Island Housing Trust is too busy with work at this time to be considered. **HB** also stated that the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority could not be considered because they are a state agency. **Alice Boyd** then said she would put forth an action plan and send it to the committee.

After the discussion **HB moved that we accept Alice Boyd's action plan**, seconded by **JW**.

Discussion followed. **BH** asked how this would go forward time wise. **RD** explained that **Alice Boyd** initiate a public hearing and following a hearing amend our application. **RD** stated he would stay on top of this to move it forward in a timely manner. **After the discussion the committee voted on the motion: 4 in favor of the motion.**

**Item: Pharmacy**

The meeting of the sub committee of **Michael Dutton, Brian Hughes, Harvey Beth** and the **Conroys** has not taken place. **RD** will speak with **Michael Dutton** to move this forward.

**RD will inform Alice Boyd of our meeting today and our vote to reject all bids.**

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted 3 in favor 1 abstained.

**Next meeting to be announced**

