

**CITY OF KINGSTON
AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
NOTES**

September 16, 2010

9:00 – 11:00

362 Montreal Street

Chair: Patricia Streich Recorder: Hollis Amey Members: Mark Gerretsen, Jim de Hoop, Bryan Metcalfe, Mark Michener, Marilyn Birmingham, Barb Butler, Chris Grimshaw, Colin Updegrove Regrets: Mayor Gary Davison, Cindy Cameron City Staff: Lee Campbell, Cheryl Hitchen, Mary McIntyre Guests: Julia Bryan, Susan Bacque, Glen Wood, Bhavana Varma, Terry Willing		
1.	Welcome to Guests Patricia welcomed Glen Wood and Bhavana Varma as representatives from the Community Leadership Group of the United Way, Susan Bacque from Peterborough Housing and Julia Bryan from Roundtable on Poverty Reduction	
2.	Approval of Agenda – Marilyn motion to approve. Barb 2 nd . Carried	
3.	Approval of Notes (August, 2010) – Marilyn motion to approve with minor changes. Colin 2 nd . Carried	
4.	Action Items from August notes - complete	
5.	Community Leadership Group Glen provided a brief overview of the Leadership Group. He felt it should interact with other community groups with similar mandates and have a collective understanding of other groups/committees. The Community Leadership Group was developed through Hugh Segal in support of the United Way Community Plan to operate over a number of years. They are trying to bring together diverse groups and not to be seen in conflict. It is not to be perceived as competitive. It is made up of stakeholders from private and public sectors and promotes diversity. They want to take action to help solve homelessness. They believe housing should be scattered throughout the city and every housing development should have 25% affordable units. Don't put all low-income housing in one large building. They are trying to find ways to provide developers with less municipal restrictions to make it attractive and effective for the developers. They also believe the CMHC affordability level is too high. A discussion ensued on the following: the benefit of the scattered approach; that the CMHC affordability level is too high; that we must address the needs of those on the CWL; whether the private sector will get involved in a meaningful way; that rent supplements can be a permanent solution if funding is committed in perpetuity and sufficient number of landlords are willing to rent to CWL clients; the nature of non-profits and co-ops as distinct from the private or the public sector; the next version of the Kingston Model or municipal housing strategy; that all committees need to understand each others focus and role; the time consumption for staff and volunteers is burdensome. Action item to have the Co-op sector representative to speak at the next meeting and for City staff to speak to the Community Leadership Group about the range of programs and solutions available in the past and foreseeable future.	Jim

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6.	<p>Peterborough Housing Visit – Susan Bacque shared; The discussions in Peterborough are identical. She would ask if the United Way could convene and setup a dialogue between communities and determine where they can advocate on some fundamentals? This would include discussion on private sector involvement, planning policies, and affordable housing definition. The United Way could bring many common issues to the senior levels of government.</p>	
7.	<p>Council & Committee Reports update - Draft Motion from September 7th Council meeting on Barriefield & Report to Council in January 2011 Discussion Jim advised that Council chose not to pursue the option of applying for the land funding grant in Barriefield. They did however pass a motion to consider using the \$5M set aside in 2007 for new affordable housing build. A copy of the motion was provided.</p> <p>With regard to the requested report for January 2011, the MHS should provide some ground work and policy foundations. AHDC will play a strong role when using municipal funds. Permanent assets are desirable i.e. THK and K&FHC as opposed to a 20 or 30 year private market development. The City has the long term goal of retaining its minimum 2003 units.</p> <p>Reference was made to the previous HOME report, in-situ and municipal rent supplements, as well as the official plan; need to consider a co-operative form of new housing; the definition of affordable housing needs to be revisited and we need to provide education on what it means.</p> <p>In preparing the report we need to explore all options and weigh merits. Explore biggest bang for buck. Hopefully we will have heard from province by then in regard to their plan.</p> <p>Action items; the consultants will be meeting with us on Nov. 4th. Will combine with a brainstorming session on these topics; Jim to invite a representative from the Co-op sector to speak to the committee.</p>	Jim
8.	<p>Land Bank Report - Update on Public Consultation Meeting on Leroy-Grant Site & Discussion of Feasibility Analysis of Selected Sites Mary provided the same presentation Justin (summer student) made to Council in August, on results of landbanking analysis.</p> <p>Action: A subcommittee will work on the next steps: Colin, Mary and Mark M. will be the subcommittee on the land bank Action: Information from Toronto re: housing as a human right, nimbyism etc</p>	Mary Jim
9.	<p>Review of Move-Ins from CWL by category Lee provided handouts. Lee referred to article in the Toronto Star which stated that most units go to special priority cases. In Kingston we are not seeing this trend as per handouts. In 2005 we introduced a homeless priority. Discussion on reduced #'s housed from CWL and how this is affecting numbers on waitlist. Following discussion, Susan stated that Peterborough is behind Kingston in their reporting. They share information through Co-ordinated</p>	

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	Access but practices across province are not consistent. She feels they need better reporting. In Peterborough 1500 static on the CWL with 200 coming off each year. Peterborough has a large portion of seniors. Their population is 75,000 but with rural totals 150,000.	
10.	Provincial Update – carry forward from August No representative – no report	
11.	Other items - none	
	Next Meeting - October 21, 2010	