



Jefferson County/City of Port Townsend Housing Action Plan

Housing Action Plan Network Advisory Group



Minutes

November 17, 2008

Housing Action Plan Network

San Juan Baptist Church, 1704 Discovery Rd., Port Townsend

Members Present: David Rymph, Brent Butler, Phil Johnson, Steve Emery, Sandy Hershelman, Joe Breskin, Kees Kolff, deForest Walker, Pete von Christierson, Susan Miller.

Staff: Ryan Hunter and Judy Surber

Guests: Jamie Maciejewski, Cheryl Bozarth, Melinda Szatlocky

Scribe: Judy Surber

Topic	Recommendation/Action	Follow-up (if needed)
Call to Order & Welcome	Chair Rymph called the meeting to order	
Agenda & Minutes	Minutes of October 20, 2008 meeting - approved. Agenda items were rearranged to accommodate the guest speakers schedule	
Subsidized Housing Update	Admiralty Apartments – Chair Rymph referred to the memo from Staff Judy Surber dated November 17, 2008. Chair Rymph announced that he had been in touch with Impact Capital, Laurie Olsen, to look at the feasibility of purchase. In regards to getting HUD assistance on preserving these subsidized units, he suggested contacting our local representatives (Dicks/Cantwell/Mary McBride/Patty Murray) Jefferson Housing Authority is continuing to pursue purchase of Garden Court Apartments.	
First Federal Community Dividend Program	Chair Rymph has been in contact with Kendra Wagoner of First Federal. A meeting is planned to request funds to support the Workforce Housing Summit.	
Targeted Population	Ryan provided an update to the spreadsheet listing subsidized units and now mobile home parks.	
Jefferson Housing	Chair Rymph explained the limited capacity of JHA and the potential of transferring Section 8 and	

Authority	TBRA vouchers to another neighboring housing authority. There are too few vouchers to cover the cost of administration. JHA would remain functional for administration of Garden Court Apartments. Several members emphasized the need to retain our own Housing Authority.	
Public Comment	None.	
Habitat for Humanity Cottage Housing Project	Jamie Maciejewski gave an overview of Habitat's cottage housing project to be constructed across from Seaport Landing (Hancock between 10 th and 11 th Streets). Habitat partnered with Ross Chapin, architect. Propose 14 houses and community building. They are looking into the community land trust model as a means to increase affordability. Jamie shared stories of several applicants living in substandard conditions. Several members asked for more information (cost per square foot/elevations)	
Break		
Announcements	11/22/08 Clean up party at the Legion 11/30/08 Shelter opens for the season Brent Butler suggested that a school district representative would be a good addition to the membership. Ryan Hunter, County Staff, announced that he had been laid off. All members expressed their regrets and commended Ryan for his dedication and excellent contributions to the group.	
Next Meeting	December 15, 2008 3:30-5:30pm Ideas for the next meeting were discussed: Define "affordable" and "workforce housing" More work on targeted population Fleshing out Projects USDA loans - Susan Miller requested 5-10 minutes	