

GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
December 08, 2004
Harbor Homes, Inc., 78 Main St.

PRESENT: Klaas Nijhuis, Urban Programs, Chairperson
Peter Kelleher, Harbor Homes, Inc.
Miles Pendry, Harbor Homes, Inc.
Linda Jeynes, Urban Programs
Bob Mack, Nashua Welfare
Donnalee Lozeau, Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc.
David Cull, Soup Purpose Living
Mariellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center
Mary Auer, Harbor Homes, Inc.
Alphonse Haettenschwiller, Private Citizen
Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, Immediate Past Chair

K. Nijhuis called the meetings to order at 8:07 am. Minutes of the November 17, 2004 meeting were handed out to read. K. Nijhuis asked for a motion accept the minutes, B. Mack so moved, M. Pendry seconded, and the motion carried.

K. Nijhuis lead a discussion about changes to the GNCOC agenda based on the suggestions from the Ending Homelessness Committee. P. Kelleher suggested the agenda be in line with the ending homelessness campaign since we need the attention and full support of the whole GNCOC. K. Nijhuis brought it to the Executive Committee for their endorsement. He argued that such an approach to our meetings would make it easier to track what has been done for the SuperNOFA each year. The new agenda could become the framework for the GNCOC meetings to keep the Ending Homeless Plan moving forward in terms of achievements and mobilizing the agencies. Members agreed to try the new agenda at the GNCOC meeting in January.

K. Nijhuis then directed the discussion to Article 3 of the Guidelines, about how GNCOC members vote. What are our objectives? What is our definition of fair and ethical? M. Durso suggested inserting a small section entitled "Code of Ethics" into the Guidelines for voting. D. Lozeau and M. Durso agreed to explain "advocacy and community action" to the continuum at a spring meeting. There was more discussion about notifying members before meetings about any voting or action items that would be on the agenda. D. Lozeau suggested there be a small group of members, not applying for funding, to make the funding recommendations to the full GNCOC. More discussion ensued as to whether this small group should be the Executive Committee or not, or a combination. P. Kelleher gave a brief explanation of how the HUD SuperNOFA works each year. There was also discussion about the poor attendance of the Executive Committee at their meetings. It was decided to contact the members to make sure they could make the next meeting. K. Nijhuis asked all to read and think about Article 4 to the end of the Guidelines so they could work on that section at the next meeting and return to Article 3 at the end.

The next meeting will be at 8:00 am on December 15, 2004 at Harbor Homes, 78 Main Street.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40am.

The following was generally agreed by those present and notated by M. Pendry.

OCCASIONS WE VOTE

(G=General, BN=General with Notice, EC=Executive Committee)

Endorsing SuperNOFA project ranking

G Amendments/acceptance of Minutes

G Establishing new committees

- Standing
- Ad Hoc

GN Electing officers

GN Accepting Bylaw changes

G Recommendations for the Executive Committee

GN Endorsing a non-SuperNOFA funded project

G Sending letters or other written communications

- **GN** Support
- **G** Thanks if previously endorsed can be done by EC

GN Entering into a contract with consultants

G/EC Charging committees with tasks

G Accepting new members

G Empowering advocacy on behalf of the GNCOC

- For a committee
- For an individual
- In a letter or other communication

ISSUES OF FAIRNESS AND ETHICS

Protecting and enhancing the greater good

Informed decisions