

GNCOC Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

March 16, 2005

Harbor Homes, 78 Main Street

PRESENT: Klaas Nijhuis, Urban Programs, Chairperson
Ruth Morrissette, Marguerite's Place
Mary Auer, Harbor Homes, Inc.
Miles Pendry, Harbor Homes, Inc.
Linda Jeynes, Urban Programs
Peter Kelleher, Harbor Homes, Inc.
Bob Mack, Nashua Welfare
Bridget Belton-Jette, Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.
Donnalee Lozeau, Southern NH Services, Inc.
Alphonse Haettenschwiller, Private Citizen
Maryse Wirbal, Nashua Pastoral Care Center
Mariellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center
Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.
Dick Hatin, HUD
Charlene Brodeur, HUD

The Chairperson provided an agenda and called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. The visitors from HUD were welcomed and everyone introduced himself or herself. Minutes of the February 23, 2005 meeting were handed out. A. Haettenschwiller moved to accept the minutes with an amendment as requested by L. Christie, B. Belton-Jette seconded, and the motion carried.

K. Nijhuis explained that the representatives from HUD had been invited today to help the committee in formulating training for the general membership in regards to the SuperNOFA process. The majority of the meeting time was spent in a dialogue with the HUD representatives, with both questions posed by members of the Executive Committee and a presentation by D. Hatin. Mr. Hatin's answers were prefaced by an explanation that everything he was about to discuss was based on how it has happened in the past. He stated that it was possible there could be changes this year and in future years but that he could not say what those changes might be. He explained the initial pro rata need, the renewal bump, the bonus project and how projects were scored by HUD in relation to the priority given by the local CoC. Bonus projects at the top, renewals in whatever order, to match the pro rata share and what new projects embedded in those renewals meant in terms of scoring the full 40 points or ten points.

P. Kelleher noted that nationally HUD must have 35% of the funding directed toward new permanent housing projects, which according to Mr. Hatin, HUD is exceeding. D. Hatin suggested that they might even skip over a renewal project to a new project that included this kind of housing. He also stated that the bonus project could become a renewal project for operation and supportive services only after three years and that the money awarded for this project would be distributed over the first three years or, in case of a property acquisition project, it could all be given out the first year.

When the SuperNOFA comes out, a list of renewals will be sent from HUD to the head of the GNCOC for confirmation. This is critical information for determining extra renewal funds. Recently the renewal has been the budgeted amount only. GNCOC needs to look at APR's in terms of capacity and monies not spent. There will be an expectation that the GNCOC do this in the future.

D. Lozeau asked if the bonus project could be more than one project. D. Hatin replied that it could. M. Auer asked how the pro rata share could be increased. D. Hatin said it was based on geography and all the towns in New Hampshire fall under one or another CoC.

P. Kelleher suggested that all who were interested should watch the satellite broadcast to learn more about the process. A notice will be sent around when the date and time are known.

K. Nijhuis thanked the HUD representatives for their time and the others for their good questions. Referring to the remaining items on the agenda, he announced that since he had received no negative responses from CoC members, his drafted support letter to Sen. Clegg about the NH Legal Assistance Office, has gone out. He suggested that the remaining agenda items be postponed until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be at **8:00 am on March 30, 2005** at Harbor Homes, 78 Main Street. Future meetings are scheduled for **April 20 & 27, and May 18 & 25, 2005.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50am.