

Present: Amy Lepak, Jody Kablack, Kelley Cronin, Jo-Ann Howe, JoEllen Samojla

Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm. No quorum was present.

St. Anselm's Church

It was reported that the official closing of the church has been deferred due to the vigil. This may also delay the marketing of the property for sale. The first meeting of the St. Anselm Redevelopment Task Force was well attended. The group seems to want to preserve the building for some type of religious or community assembly use. Senior housing was discussed as a redevelopment option. More options will be discussed.

Due to the uncertainty in timing of this potential project, it was recommended to contact the Town Manager about submitting a proposal to the CPC for funding for affordable housing production. It may end up being removed from the project list that goes to Town Meeting, but in case the project moves quickly we need to be prepared. The funding could be spent either for purchase of land, or subsidy of units on a variety of projects – St. Anselm, Chapter 61A parcels, or some other town-sponsored Chapter 40B proposal. The CHC felt that keeping the option general would help if funds were needed quickly. It is uncertain if the CPC or Town Meeting will approve such a general request.

Resignation of Roger Van Duinen

The Committee discussed possibly recruits for the vacancy in the committee. It was suggested that Kaffee Kang be asked to join. Kaffee is a local architect with an interest in affordable housing.

Housing Plan

The committee discussed the latest draft of the housing plan, dated 9/17/04. A distribution schedule was confirmed to get the plan to the major town boards prior to the housing forum on 10/21.

Housing Forum

The CHC has been asked to present the housing plan at the forum on 10/21. It was suggested that Michael Fee speak for the group. An outline of the needs assessment and the action plan are the major elements for presentation. The plan will be distributed to the general public at the forum.

Real Estate Bar Association Meeting on Church Closures

Amy Lepak attended a meeting on 9/16 in order to keep up to date on what is happening. Church representatives were in attendance, and implied that _____

The committee was reminded about the 9/23 meeting with MAPC about the church closures.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for 10/7 at 12 noon at the DPW building conference room.