

## EDINA AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE

### **Meeting Minutes**

**May 25, 2005**

**7:30 AM – Community Room**

#### **Members Present:**

**Bob Aderhold, Val Burke, Hal Clapp, Kandace Ellis, Michael Fischer, John Helling, Jeff Huggett, Doug Johnson, Sally Krusell, Scott Massie, Doug Mayo, Barb McFarlane, Sharon Ming, Cappy Moore, Carol Mork, Joan Naymark, Skip Thomas, Janice Williams**

#### **Staff Present:**

**Susan Heiberg and Joyce Repya**

#### **Actions Taken**

- **John Helling seconded Bob Aderhold's motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2005, as edited; the motion carried.**
- **John Helling seconded Bob Aderhold's motion that the City terminate the contract with Midwest Housing Collaborative; the motion was withdrawn.**
- **Kandace Ellis seconded Scott Massie's motion that the City Manager, on behalf of the City, immediately exercise the right to terminate the contract on 30 days written notice; the motion carried.**
- **Carol Mork seconded Michael Fischer's motion to call for the creation of an Executive Committee; the motion carried.**
- **Sally Krusell seconded John Helling's motion to approve a slate of members for the new Executive Committee; the motion carried.**

#### **Report on the Midwest Housing Collaborative**

**Chair Mayo announced the resignation of Dave Engstrom, chief consultant of the Midwest Housing Collaborative (MHC). Due to the meeting's agenda, the other three were not in attendance. It was announced that the City's RPC Ad Hoc Committee had concerns that MHC had neither guided the Task Force into defining affordable housing for Edina nor helped to identify community values as outlined in the objectives of the contract. It also appeared that the timeline had been changed to accommodate the consultants. The following issues were discussed:**

- **The Task Force still needs to make the case for affordable housing.**
- **Research and comprehensive data are lacking; therefore, the process has been unable to get off the ground.**
- **Gordon Hughes has shared that the City values the Task Force and any decision it makes regarding the necessary steps to take.**

- **A clear-cut process must be developed in order to accomplish tasks identified in an established timeline.**

### **Creation of Executive Committee**

**The following Task Force members were approved as the new Executive Committee: *Doug Mayo, Kandace Ellis, Bob Aderhold, Jeff Huggett, and Sharon Ming or Val Burke (RPC representation).***

**The Executive Committee's first meeting will be Wednesday, June 1, 7:30 AM, in the Mayor's Conference Room, to prepare recommendations for the Task Force meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 7:30 AM, in the Community Room.**

### **Clarification of the RPC Process**

**Sharon Ming explained that RFP's were generated by the Research, Planning and Coordination (RPC) Ad Hoc Committee of the Human Rights & Relations Commission (HRRC) for a consultant to create, provide research to, and facilitate an Edina Affordable Housing Task Force. HRRC is an advisory group of the Edina City Council. After interviewing a number of candidates, MHC was selected by RPC, and a contract was drawn up with the City. As a result, MHC was accountable to RPC for upholding the expectations of the contract. Ultimately, HRRC has the fiscal and management responsibility for RPC in its implementation of the Affordable Housing Task Force.**

### **Employee Survey**

**Doug Johnson asked for input from the Task Force regarding the questions on the Edina Employee Survey which will be offered on-line to School District employees. The Survey's intent is to see if there is anyone interested in living in Edina, and if so, what would be the deterrents?**

### **Social Event**

**Bob Aderhold invited the Task Force members to attend a pot-luck social at the home of Kandace Ellis on Wednesday, June 1, at 7 PM. It will be an opportunity for all to get better acquainted.**

### **Adjournment**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Doug Mayo, Chair  
Edina Affordable Housing Task Force**

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