

**NEWBERG AFFORDABLE HOUSING
ACTION COMMITTEE – LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
Meeting Summary for Wednesday, January 26, 2011
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Newberg City Hall
Permit Center Conference Room
414 E. First Street, Newberg, OR**

I. Open meeting. Steve Olson opened the meeting.

II. Roll Call. Subcommittee Attendees: Doug Bartlett
Denise Bacon

Absent members: Mike Gougler

City Staff: Steve Olson, Associate Planner
Cody Gardner, Code Enforcement Officer
Barton Brierley, Planning & Building Director

III. Discussion - Housing Occupancy and Maintenance Standards

Cody Gardner discussed a potential property maintenance ordinance. He is considering proposing an ordinance based on the International Property Maintenance Code. The proposal would set standards for maintenance of rentals, including safety.

Denise did not want to enforce in the way homeowners associations have a reputation to enforce.

Cody said a question would be to whom a maintenance code would apply: renters, larger apartment complexes, or single family home rentals. Cody said perhaps the property maintenance code could apply to those who want to have occupancy of more than one family.

Cody said Gresham has a similar code that was put in place a few years ago. He is doing a ride along there. The committee was interested in hearing a report from this ride along.

Barton said a provision could be made to prevent overparking. Denise didn't want to limit legal parking on the street. The committee noted that some parking issues were more perceived than real.

Doug wanted to make sure the ordinance could show benefits to the community and have the support of the community. He thought the community would embrace a focus on health and safety issues, which would benefit tenants, tenants' children, neighbors, and even landlords.

Cody said it would be similar to the HUD inspections, except it would be both interior and exterior issues.

IV. Other business

Doug brought up manufactured home park maintenance, and the concept of using urban renewal to insure their ongoing survival. Doug suggested that a white paper be written and brought to the Planning Commission. Doug said we needed to address the problem before the crisis occurs.

VI. Adjourn: 4:55 p.m.

**Approved by the Affordable Housing Action Committee – City Legislation Subcommittee
this 23rd day February, 2011.**


Legislation Subcommittee Secretary