

**NEWBERG AFFORDABLE HOUSING
ACTION COMMITTEE – LEGISLATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Newberg City Hall
Permit Center Conference Room
414 E. First Street, Newberg, OR**

I. OPEN MEETING:

The committee agreed to use the consensus process to reach decisions, and to have the secretary (Barton Brierley) record the consensus in the minutes, rather than electing a subcommittee chair.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present: Denise Bacon, Mike Gougler, Doug Bartlett

Absent: Mike Willcuts

Staff Present: Barton Brierley, Planning & Building Director

III. REVIEW OF SUBCOMMITTEE TASKS:

The Committee discussed street standards, including street width and block length. Mike Gougler pointed out that street widths were a small component of developing an affordable housing project. Discussion also could include utility/storm drainage options. The committee liked having options rather than a single standard for all situations.

The committee also discussed the expedited annexation concept. They discussed possibilities of modifying the annexation process, which could or could not include the election part of the process. The committee felt this could raise a lot of interest in the community. The current process tilts the table away from being able to provide affordable housing. Discussion was whether the recommendations should focus on a fast track process for a specific property, or for annexation to provide adequate land for affordable housing residential use in general. The committee discussed the challenges of having affordable housing only on the edge of the city. Discussion was that the full subcommittee should hold a public discussion on the issue. The committee would like some proposals from staff to review. They would like to look at what other cities do.

Barton Brierley discussed the concepts for manufactured home parks. The R-4 zone could be a candidate for an expedited annexation process. The committee liked the concept of an ordinance that would encourage the preservation of existing parks rather than discouraging conversion. They discussed the concept of having each park develop a trust fund, funded by monthly rents, for the purpose of improvement or replacement of the park. The committee did not want to be heavy-handed against park owners. The committee thought to invite an owner and a manager of a park to come in and discuss their situation. We also can invite Charlie Harris.

IV. DISCUSSION OF WORK PROGRAM:

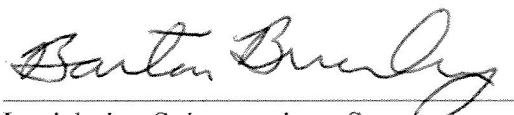
The committee chose to start with street standards, and then move to annexation standards. They then would proceed to considering the manufactured home standards. Other topics may arise during their discussions.

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

VI. ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved by the Affordable Housing Action Committee – Legislative Subcommittee this 10th day February, 2010.



Legislative Subcommittee Secretary