

**NEWBERG AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTION COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 12, 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 meeting opened at 4:05 p.m.

II. Roll call:

Present: Denise Bacon, Doug Bartlett,

Absent: Mike Willcuts, Mike Gougler

Staff Present: Barton Brierley, Planning and Building Director

Others Present: Becca Roberts

III. Street Standards Draft:

Barton discussed the street standards draft. The draft would allow a 28' wide street in limited circumstances.

Doug Bartlett indicated their street tour showed a number of planter strips that weren't kept up. Planter strips should be allowed in some communities, but it might be nice to allow curbside sidewalks in affordable housing neighborhoods.

The location of the mail box is an issue. If there isn't a planter strip, then there isn't a good location for the box. They would need access on both sides. There should be an opportunity to cluster the utilities with a wider sidewalk there. Perhaps that could be at the end of the block.

The group generally agreed with the block length standards.

Becca noted that the walkways between blocks were useful.

The group discussed rolled curb designs. This might be a possibility to allow some flexibility. Doug like the flexibility in Aldersgate. He thought that would work.

Denise felt it was a good plan. It was a long time coming.

Doug commented that the alley may need to wider if there are more homes on it.

The subcommittee was accepting of the standards.

IV. Open House preparation

The subcommittee discussed information to present at the open house, including street standard information.

Doug said he would not be able to make the town hall.

IV. Other business: Doug asked about using tax credits to encourage affordable housing.

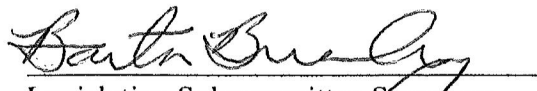
Tax abatement might be based on keeping the place maintained. If the place is not maintained, then the abatement would go away.

Denise asked how to make absentee landlords responsible for maintenance.

Doug asked if the existing manufactured home parks were under danger or being removed. Barton said he didn't think so at the moment, but it is always a possibility.

V. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Approved by the Affordable Housing Action Committee – Legislative Subcommittee this 14th day of July, 2010.


Legislative Subcommittee Secretary