

**NEWBERG AFFORDABLE HOUSING
ACTION COMMITTEE –EDUCATION/OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 11, 2010
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Newberg City Hall
Permit Center Conference Room
414 E. First Street, Newberg, OR**

I. Open meeting. Mr. Brierley opened the meeting.

II. Roll Call.

Subcommittee Attendees: Denise Bacon
Cathy Stuhr
Stuart Brown
Doug Bartlett

City Staff: Barton Brierley, Planning and Building Director

Guests: Jonia Pierce, Housing Authority of Yamhill County

III. Housing Resource Center.

Jonia Pierce from the housing authority said they could assist Newberg in setting up a center, but they couldn't establish one. They could provide brochures or information for a kiosk.

The Housing Authority does offer classes: ABCs of Homebuying and Financial literacy. Classes are a series. If there is enough interest in Newberg, they could offer classes in Newberg.

The Housing Authority offers a resource center. It includes a kiosk with two computers, a printer, and brochures. Biggest time spent now has been spent on loss mitigation/foreclosure prevention. She thought maybe they had three walk-ins per day in the resource center.

Jonia said most people who attend classes are there because they are required to by involvement in other programs. Many of their programs are federally funded. Jonia thought the housing authority could help in setting up a resource area, but they could not set one up themselves.

Stuart asked about making an alliance. Jonia suggested a local group might help advertising information.

Doug said the group was exploring ways to link the resources with the people.
The group was open to ideas of how to do this.

Jonia said they do reasonable accommodations. She suggested using existing non-profits or other groups to promote services that are available. She said the housing authority does not provide immediate assistance for crises – they provide second level help to get people into housing.

Barton asked three basic questions:

- (1) Where is it?
- (2) What services would be offered?
- (3) What would the funding source be?

Cathy suggested starting with a big vision, then starting small. Denise said she didn't want to do nothing just because the overall vision could not be achieved to begin with.

Jonia brought up the 211 number.

Doug talked about a Ready to Rent class. Jonia said that is dormant at this point. Jonia suggested that could be under their property division.

Barton suggested draft a vision statement, then first steps suggestions.

Doug suggested bouncing that off various providers.

Cathy suggested talking to a few property managers to discuss their issues. Barton said they could be invited to the next meeting.

IV. Housing Fair

Jonia said last year they did not have one. Only 28 people attended, which hardly made it worth it. They were well done, but not well attended.

Barton suggested combining a fair at one night, like community night.

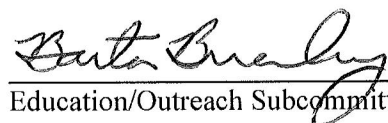
Stuart suggested our money was better spent on a resource center.

V. Other business:

Stuart suggested doing presentations at service clubs, such as Rotary.

VI. Adjourn: 5:20 pm

Approved by the Affordable Housing Action Committee – Education/Outreach Subcommittee this 27th day of October, 2010.


Education/Outreach Subcommittee Secretary