

**NEWBERG AFFORDABLE HOUSING
ACTION COMMITTEE – CITY HOUSING PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE
Meeting Summary for Wednesday, March 24, 2010
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Newberg City Hall
Permit Center Conference Room
414 E. First Street, Newberg, OR**

I. Open meeting. Barton Brierley opened the meeting.

II. Roll Call. Subcommittee Attendees: Rick Rogers
Cathy Stuhr
Charlie Harris
Ken Austin, Jr

Absent members: None

City Staff: David Beam, Economic Development Planner

III. Approval of February 24, 2010 meeting summary – Approved by Committee

IV. Presentation by Lara O’Brady, Energy Educator of YCAP

Ms. O’Brady spoke about YCAP’s weatherization and energy assistance programs. Main points included:

- Weatherization actions must be cost effective.
- New windows not usually cost effective.
- Payback period for weatherization action should be less than 10 years.
- Work can be for health and safety reasons.
- Work on rental and multifamily units – substantial amount of residents need to be low income.
- Waiting list is about 1 year long.
- First step in process is energy audit. Most cost effective actions are what gets done first.
- Lots of work in Newberg; lots of manufactured homes here contribute to that fact.
- Funding for work comes from a variety of sources.
- Cost of upgrades for each house varies widely – average cost is about \$6,000.
- All work is through grants, not loans.
- Citizens of Newberg can sign up for program at local YCAP office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Waiting list for weatherization – no limit.
- Waiting list for energy assistance – limited due to limited annual funding. Need to re-apply every year.
- Weatherization work can be done no earlier than every 10 years.
- Program advertising mostly through word of mouth.

V. Housing Trust Fund – Review of Ashland Ordinance and Resolution Language

The Subcommittee began reviewing the Ashland language and discussed what changes would need to be made to make the model language work for a Newberg program. This task will continue at the next meeting.

The Subcommittee requested that the following question be ask of the Legal Department: Would work done with Trust Fund monies have to pay prevailing wages? Would it matter if the Fund was a City fund or a non-profit?

The Subcommittee asked Mr. Beam to research on government versus private housing trust funds. They also asked that HAYC be invited to the next meeting.

VI. Other business. The Subcommittee requested that staff invite the full AH Committee members to the April 17th City Council meeting, where the proposed Comprehensive Plan polices and Development Code amendments will be considered for adoption.

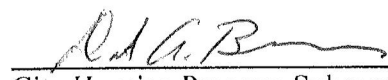
VII. Next Meeting:

Full Committee: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 7:00 pm in City Hall (Permit Center Conference Room.)

Subcommittee: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7:00 pm in City Hall (Permit Center Conference Room.)

VIII. Adjourn: 9:15 p.m.

Approved by the Affordable Housing Action Committee – City Housing Program Subcommittee this 28th day April, 2010.



City Housing Program Subcommittee Secretary