

A meeting of the Beaufort Redevelopment Commission was held on July 17, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Friends Room, at the Arsenal on Craven Street. In attendance were Commissioners Gary Fordham, Bob Pinkerton, Eugene A. Rugala, Donnie Ann Beer, Bill Rauch, Martin Goodman, James Bellew, Mike Sutton, Bill Rauch and City Manager Scott Dadson. Ed Boyd, Beaufort Housing Authority Executive Director, and several BHA Board members were present. In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, all local media were duly notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Bob Pinkerton.

MARSH POINTE

Reggie Barnes of the Barner Group discussed relocation of the 26 families that occupy the 13 duplexes located at Marsh Pointe and alternative ways to develop a community approach which include indentifying funding sources. He said it is necessary to have community support in order for HUD to buy into this plan. He said affordable housing is determined by how it is financed not what is built. His role is to determine a relocation and site development strategy for the Marsh Pointe site. This strategy provides an overview of the resident relocation process for the existing Marsh Pointe residents, potential project funding sources, and a recommendation for establishing a partnership between the Beaufort Redevelopment Commission and the Beaufort Housing Authority.

He reviewed the opportunities and constraints of the plan including funding sources. He explained his proposal for the relocation of the residents, buildable lots for affordable housing development, and the timeline to demolish and dispose of the current units. HUD requires a relocation plan must be drafted explaining the details of the process to ensure all families receive safe, decent, sanitary housing. The Beaufort Housing Authority will provide this information along with packing and moving assistance, etc.

The City Manager recommended the Commission appoint two people to participate in the subcommittee to work with BHA and review the Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioners George H. O'Kelley and James Bellew were appointed to serve on the review committee.

Eugene Rugala and Martin Goodman were selected to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.

The City Manager suggested writing a letter to Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority requesting a grant for tap and connection fees in relationship with this and other projects that the CDC are doing.

Commissioner Sutton moved to authorize the City Manager to draft a letter to B-JWSA on the tap fees regarding the 1991 franchise agreement. Councilwoman Beer gave second. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

BOB PINKERTON, CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER MARTIN GOODMAN

COMMISSIONER DONNIE ANN BEER

COMMISSIONER GARY B. FORDHAM

COMMISSIONER GEORGE H. O'KELLEY, JR.

COMMISSIONER MIKE SUTTON

COMMISSIONER JAMES BELLEW

COMMISSIONER EUGENE A. RUGALA

COMMISSIONER BILL RAUCH

ATTEST:

BEVERLY W. GAY, CITY CLERK