



SCIT HOUSING

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes 1/12/2022

Members Present:

Zach Gauger
Fanella Poola
Dani Sineway

Staff Present:

Rosalie Maloney, Housing Manager
Lacey Mandoka, Administrative Assistant

Called to Order: at 5:41 pm by Dani Sineway

Roll Call:

Dayna Johansen, *absent*
Dani Sineway, on-line attendance
Zachary Gauger, present
Fanella Poola, present
Michael Wells, *absent*

Moment of silence:

AGENDA

1. **Introductions:** None
2. **Old Business:**

Approval of Agendas: July, August, September, October, November, December 2021, and January 2022.

On a motion duly made by Zach Gauger, seconded by Fanella Poola it was moved to approve all of the agendas. 3 for, motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: June, July, August, September, October, November, and December 2021.

On a motion duly made by Dani Sineway, seconded by Fanella Poola it was moved to approve all of the meeting minutes, without changes. 3 for, motion carried.

2. **Elect Committee Officers**

On a motion duly made by Zachary Gauger seconded by Fanella Poola it was moved to select Dayna Johansen for Chairperson and Dani Sineway for Vice-Chairperson 3 for, motion carried.

On a motion duly made by Zachary Gauger seconded by Fanella Poola it was moved to leave Secretary Position vacant and Housing staff will produce meeting minutes. 3 for, motion carried.

3. Board Preferences

Discussion regarding attendance and does the current schedule still work for the members?

On a motion duly made by Dani Sineway, seconded by Fanella Poola it was moved to keep the meetings on second Wednesday of each month at 5:15pm in accordance with the By-Laws. 3 for, motion carried

4. New Business:

A. Otto Park Playground Project

Regis Ferland had asked to address the HAC regarding the Otto Park playground but he was not present at the time of this meeting.

RM: Rose sent out a paper survey in the US mail to Ogemaw Estates residents to get input and invite them to join the project team. Only 2 came back from residents and 1 from the HAC. It was recommended to look at other ways to outreach and gather input from the community. One survey mentioned a splash park. Historical records show previous Tribal Councils rejected the idea. It's very expensive to maintain those types of facilities. It would require trained staff to properly monitor water quality on a daily basis so people don't get water borne illness.

ZG: Snail mail is difficult to get a response back from. I suggest a Google survey to make things easier or try social media.

B. Neighborhood Watch Program

RM: Andrew Wagner is in charge of this project. Tenants have voiced their concerns about security issues and vandalism in the past. Rose has asked Andrew to be responsible for launching this Program. He will be gathering information, collaborating with subject experts (TPD), organizing the tenant group and conducting the meetings. He will develop a plan which will be presented to Tribal Council for their review and approval. Housing can use NAHASDA grant funds to conduct "Crime Prevention" type activities.

LM: Andrew has prepared 3 items for HAC review: a brochure, a questionnaire regarding logistics, and a survey. Zach and Fanella agreed to do some homework about the neighborhood watch program and help answer the key questions. Committee members were asked to please bring the completed forms and their ideas to the next meeting in February.

DS: I would also recommend brighter street lighting, and security cameras for the HUD units.

C. IHP/Annual Reports deadline

RM: Housing was not able to meet the December 30, 2021 deadline for submitting the required annual reports. These must be published for public review and comment for 30 days before submitting them to HUD's Chicago office. A written request for an extension was sent to HUD, EWONAP. The reports were publically posted around the reservation right after the Christmas break and on the SCIT website. The public can access the reports and send comment to Housing. Housing is supposed to address/resolve any questions or concerns. Does any HAC member have any questions or comments on the 3 reports?

- IHBG Annual Formula Grant
- IHBG-CARES Grant
- IHBG-Competitive Grant

FP: I can see the reports are quite detailed. I had no idea so much work goes into this.

RM: There is roughly \$60,000 left in the 2020 IHBG-CARES pandemic grant. We are planning to use those funds to fix up the 3 quarantine houses that were recently purchased. Housing was not able to launch many of last year's housing activities because of staff shortages and contractor's backlog of projects. We will carry these into the next 12 month period.

D. Student Rental Housing Program

RM: This is a new Housing activity for SCIT and Housing has received and approved the first approved applicant. We are waiting on Legal Review to finish the policy. The Program is open to members of any US Tribe, and HUD guidelines apply; low income, 2.5 GPA, and other rules apply.

5. **Announcements/Reports:**

LM: the CERA Program has hit the 300 mark for applications. Those assisted are very grateful.

Holiday Closure – Tribal Offices are closed on Monday January 17, 2022 for the Martin Luther King national holiday.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 9th, 2022 at 5:15pm.

6. **Adjournment:**

On a motion duly made by Zach Gauger, seconded by Fanella Poola it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm. 3 for, motion carried.

*Meeting Minutes prepared by Lacey Mandoka
Reviewed by Rosalie Maloney*