

Natick Community Development Advisory Committee
Natick Town Hall
September 7, 2007, 4:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Carol Gloff, Chair, at 4:28 pm.

Present: Carol Gloff, Laura Senier, Paul Mulkerron, Andrew Meyer, Bruce Weisberg, Patrick Reffett

Absent: Deb Harmon,

Visitors: George Ross

September 11 Presentation. Laura updated the group on the plans for the 9/11 presentation to the community about the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Town Meeting members and elected and appointed officials have been invited, and a press release has been issued to the local media. Natick Pegasus will tape and rebroadcast.

Affordable Housing Trust Fund: Bylaws. Carol is working on a summary of trust fund mechanics and bylaws and will e-mail it to committee members over the weekend.

Affordable Housing Trust Fund: Finance Committee Meeting. The Natick Finance Committee will meet on September 25 to review Article 18, which will establish an Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Carol will present on behalf of the CDAC.

Affordable Housing Trust Fund: Endorsements from Other Boards and Committees. Andrew Meyer will present information about Article 18 to the Planning Board at their meeting on September 26 and ask for their endorsement. Carol will present to the Board of Selectmen on either September 17 or October 1. Paul Mulkerron and Laura Senier will present to the Zoning Board of Appeals on September 17.

Update from Community Development. Patrick Reffett updated the committee on the following development projects around town.

- Natick Paperboard: will have 150 total units, 27 affordable units. Environmental site assessment is in progress. When that is completed, the developer will approach the town for appropriate permits.
- Grant Street: approved with comprehensive permit, 24 rental units. Project has not advanced since the permit was granted (i.e., there has been no request for building permit applications). The developer has a 2-year timeframe to exercise that permit. There is a chance that the permit may be bought by another developer.
- Cloverleaf: 183 rental units. Under construction, as is the adjacent parking garage. Occupancy planned mid next year.

- Progress toward Planned production goal for 2007: 24 rental units at Grant Street plus 67 units at South Natick Hills = 91. Need 100 units in order to forestall developers approaching with proposals under Chapter 40B.
- General Growth. Patrick is working with the Mall to acquire at least 9 of the units they promised through the Mall expansion, in order to certify this year and meet our Planned Production Goal.
- Other LIP units. Need a LIP application to cover those (Dewey Street, South Ave, Armory). Patrick plans to appear at the Board of Selectmen meeting to present preliminary information and get feedback needed to write that LIP application, in hopes of submitting to DHCD by the end of this month.
- Dewey Street lottery. Patrick has a second bidder looking at contract specs, will need to go to BOS for contract.

Next meeting. Not scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.