NEWBERG AFFORDABLE HOUSING EDUCATION/OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 8, 2010
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Newberg City Hall
Permit Center Conference Room
414 E. First Street, Newberg, OR

I. Open meeting

II. Roll call

III. Meeting Summary – Approval of August 11, 2010 meeting summary

IV. Conversation with Local Property Managers

V. Proposed Housing Resource Center – Draft Vision

VI. Other business

VII. Next meetings:
Subcommittee: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 4:00 pm in City Hall (Permit Center Conference Room)
Full Committee: Wednesday, September 22, 2010, at 7:00 pm in City Hall (Permit Center Conference Room)

VIII. Adjourn

ATTACHMENTS: Draft August 11, 2010 meeting summary
Draft Housing Resource Center Vision

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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

II. 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 3 walk-ins per day in the resource center.

Jonia said most people who attend classes are there because they are required to due to 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.

III. Housing Fair

Jonia said last year they did not have one. They are not attended. 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 8th day of September, 2010.

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Education/Outreach Subcommittee Secretary

Newberg Housing Resource Center
Draft Vision
September 8, 2010

The Newberg Housing Resource Center offers access to comprehensive housing information and resources to help all Newberg citizens looking for housing that is affordable, safe and decent . The Center is a physical location in Newberg contained within offices maintained by other service providers. The center provides written materials, online resources, and connections to other useful affordable housing resources outside the Center. Access to the Center is available through an extensive, regular schedule. It is staffed by part-time by volunteers that can help counsel Center visitors. When volunteer staff members are not available at the Center, visitors can receive personal assistance through a telephone and/or a computer terminal at the center. In addition to the physical Center, users have access to a virtual Center through a website on the internet. Use of the Center is free of charge.

The Center is administered through a cooperative effort of various organizations interested in the provision of appropriate housing for our community.