

**Town of Fairfield  
Office of Community & Economic Development  
Affordable Housing Commission  
February 15, 2012**

The Affordable Housing Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a meeting on February 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room in Old Town Hall.

**PRESENT:** Steve Grathwohl, Chair; Lisa Winjum; Richard Gribko;

**Also Present:** Mark Barnhart, Director of Housing and Economic Development; Sally Parker

Mr. Grathwohl called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Distributions:** Minutes of December 21, 2011; CDBG Entitlement Chart; Green Town Checklist; Prudential Connecticut Realty: Real Estate Market Report, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011

### ***Minutes***

The minutes of December 21, 2011 were approved.

Mr. Grathwohl stressed the need for additional, dedicated board members. Several names were suggested. Mr. Grathwohl and Mr. Barnhart will discuss appointments with First Selectman Tetreau.

### ***130 Fairchild Avenue***

Mr. Grathwohl stressed that he feels this is an important proposed development for Fairfield. It fills a need, is in a good location for such a project and the developer has a reliable reputation. The building will not require a subsidy. Mr. Barnhart said plans have cleared the Conservation Commission and will be presented to the TP&Z on February 28<sup>th</sup>. A motion was passed authorizing a letter of support to be written by Mr. Grathwohl and forwarded to the TP&Z. Commissioners were urged to attend the hearing.

The building, on 1.18 acres, will have 54 rental units: 12 1-bedroom and 48 studio apartments. It is designed primarily for younger working people. It will be ADA compliant. The developer intends to keep it as a family-owned and managed facility.

Mr. Gribko asked if there were any issues that might be an impediment. Mr. Barnhart said the capacity of the sewers in the area may be an issue with later development but he did not foresee this as a problem now.

### ***CDBG Program***

Mr. Barnhart said funding had been reduced for this FY. There will be a public hearing on February 21 at which public service organizations can present their requests.

### ***Train Station***

Mr. Barnhart said the developer is requesting a minor change to the concourse building plans. This will be considered by the TP&Z in a public hearing.

### ***AHC Meetings/Officers***

Mr. Grathwohl said he would like to have a monthly meeting even if there was no quorum.

***Other Business***

Mr. Barnhart said his department has applied for funding from the Tri-State Transportation Campaign for a grant to be used to study Fairfield Center. This would be done in the manner of the previous Commerce Drive study. The town has also submitted a grant application, funds from which would be used to create bicycle and pedestrian linkages to the new train station.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Goethner