

FAIR HOUSING BOARD MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting

September 9, 2015

The Fair Housing Board meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM on September 9, 2015, in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Present for the meeting were Board Members Vincent Loparo, Bruce Konya, and Secretary Tim Pope.

The Board decided not to act on the Minutes of the June 10, 2015 meeting since Vince Loparo was not present at the June meeting and Denny Johnson, who was present at the June meeting, was not present at this one. Those minutes will be acted upon during the December 2015 meeting, if possible.

The Board did approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 Board meeting.

Mr. Pope commented that there have been no complaints filed.

Mr. Konya asked for the status of open items from the December 2014 meeting and wanted to know the results of the potential violations from the federal audit on a local apartment house. Mr. Pope said he checked with CT Consultants to see if there were any new developments in the case, but Phyllis Dunlap was on vacation and did not respond. Mr. Pope said he did google the case but found no results.

Mr. Pope explained that the City was awarded the 2015 Grant program. He explained that the 2015 grant program would only be for one year in the amount of \$175,000. This was necessary so the city could get on a different grant cycle to enable the City to partner with another governmental entity so that it can get back to the \$400,000 grant level. Mr. Konya asked how long a resident needed to be in their home to qualify for a rehab grant. Mr. Pope said that he would have to review the criteria and report at the December 2015 meeting.

Mr. Loparo asked if demolition was part of the grant program. It was explained that demolitions are generally part of the County's Land Bank Program and not part of our CHIP grant program.

Mr. Pope shared an article from *Governing Magazine* regarding the Supreme Court decision upholding racial discrimination rules for housing.

There were no new items to be discussed.

The next meeting was set for December 9, 2015 at 10AM in the Conference room.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Timothy Pope
Executive Secretary