

MIDDLEFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 8, 2014

Present: Barbara-Jean DiMauro (Secretary), Alma Elder (Chair), Mark Gribko (Vice Chair), Barbara Schiffert (Treasurer), Peter Sibley (Executive Director)

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M. by the Chair.

Public Comment

No public

Discussion of Raspberry Ridge

The development of Raspberry Ridge, a proposed moderate-income housing development, was discussed in depth, guided by the MHA Long Range Plan and the Plan for Raspberry Ridge. The discussion focused on the following: number of units, rental vs. resident ownership, adults only vs. adults with children, number of bedrooms per unit. The consensus was that Raspberry Ridge would welcome adults with children.

On a motion by Schiffert, seconded by DiMauro, the Board decided that Raspberry Ridge would consist of 30 one- and two-bedroom rental units—2/3 (20) of which would be two-bedroom units, 1/3 (10) of which would be one-bedroom units. Two-thirds of each type are to be accessible to people with disabilities (2 of the 20 two-bedroom units, 1 of the 10 one-bedroom units).

Further, the Board discussed financing. Two possibilities were put forward: (1) bonding and (2) applying for a predevelopment loan/grant from the state Department of Housing. Elder suggested that MHA invite Jay Berardino to present funding options to the Board. Gribko reminded the Board that MHA has the option of seeking the predevelopment loan/grant from DH, which he thought the previous Executive Director had set in motion. The status of the application was unclear. Gribko agreed to follow up.

Outline of the Next Steps To Be Taken

1. Elder is to invite Berardino to meet with the Board on either February 11, 12, or 13.
2. Gribko is to contact the previous Executive Director to ascertain the status of the application for the predevelopment loan/grant.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

*B. J. DiMauro*

Barbara-Jean DiMauro  
Secretary