



**MAMMOTH LAKES HOUSING BOARD**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 1, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kirk Stapp called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Chair Kirk Stapp, Vice Chair Jennifer Kreitz, and Board Members Lindsay Barksdale, Zoraya Cruz, Tom Hodges, Jiselle Kenny, Agnes Vianzon and Richard Plaisted were present via videoconference.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Executive Director Patricia Robertson gave an update on MLH activities. She announced that one hundred and forty-five Rental Assistance Program payments had been made totaling over \$71,000 and said that the program had been amended to allow applicants to submit up to four applications. She reported that Mono County would start a similar rental assistance program for residents in the unincorporated area of the County and would allocate \$145,000 plus an additional \$10,000 in administrative fees to their program. Ms. Robertson reported that MLH was trying to sell two of their deed restricted units and was working on applications with two families. Ms. Robertson announced that MLH, in conjunction with Mono County, had applied for a Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) for first time homebuyer's assistance which would total \$700,000. She reported that she would provide a work program update to the Town Council on June 3rd and reminded members of the Board that their Form 700s were due on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and that they needed to be submitted to the Town's Assistant Clerk with a wet signature as soon as possible. Ms. Robertson thanked the members of the Board who had volunteered at the MLH office to assist with the phones.

There was discussion between Ms. Robertson and members of the Board.

**3. Approval of the minutes from the May 4, 2020 regular Board meetings – action item**

**ACTION:** It was moved by Board Member Jiselle Kenny, seconded by Board Members Tom Hodges, and carried by an 8-0 roll call vote to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2020 regular Board Meeting.

**4. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion presentation by Jose Gonzalez - information item**

Executive Director Patricia Robertson spoke about the purpose of the formation of the MLH Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee. She discussed the recent protests that had taken place across the country. Ms. Robertson introduced Latino Outdoors Founder Jose Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez gave a presentation regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion.

There was discussion between Mr. Gonzalez, Ms. Robertson, and members of the Board.

**5. Review and possibly approve the Mammoth Lakes Housing Draft 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget - action item**

Executive Director Patricia Robertson outlined the information in the Mammoth Lakes Housing Draft 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget and the MLH 2019-2023 Strategic Plan.

There was discussion between Ms. Robertson and members of the Board.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Board Member Tom Hodges, seconded by Vice President Jennifer Kreitz, and carried by an 8-0 roll call vote to approve the Mammoth Lakes Housing Draft 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget.

**6. Board Member Reports**

Vice President Jennifer Kreitz announced that the Mono County Board of Supervisors would add an emergency item to their June 2nd meeting that would authorize the County to extend the moratorium on evictions for commercial and residential tenants, and reported that there was an Executive Order issued by Governor Newsom that allowed moratoriums through July 28th. Ms. Kreitz reported that the Board of Supervisors had advised staff to extend the moratorium through July 28, 2020 once such order had been issued. She said that she had recently participated in the California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) legislative update and spoke about a package moving through the senate and assembly that included proposals related to increased density on residential lots which may affect the Town more than unincorporated areas of Mono County. She reported that there was discussion at the State level regarding renter and landlord stabilization.

Board Member Tom Hodges said that he thought MLH needed to make the Community Housing Action Plan (CHAP) a priority again and discussed what had been slated to happen in 2020 related to the CHAP, including Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and the formation of an Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District (EIFD). Mr. Hodges discussed the local dedicated tax initiative that had been suspended. He reported that he thought there was an opportunity to move forward on some of the CHAP priorities. He said that he anticipated a slower than normal winter season in Mammoth with regard to visitation, but said he knew those would be temporary circumstances and that he felt visitation would take off again after that. Mr. Hodges said that there would be an initial reduction in housing demand and thought that was a good time to get things moving. He announced that he participated in the Town's Committee for the mobility hub study and spoke about the transit hub, public parking, and Downtown revitalization, with potential to convert some commercial buildings into mixed use properties. He spoke about the current pandemic and said that he did not want it to prevent discussions around housing and development from moving forward.

**SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR:**

Community and Economic Development Director Sandra Moberly said that Town staff had previously presented the idea of an EIFD to the Mono County Board of Supervisors and the Town Council and reported that there had been some interest in hearing more about it.

There was discussion between Ms. Robertson and members of the Board.

**7. Updates from Committees - information item**

- a. Governance (standing)  
Kirk, Jennifer, Agnes

There was no report given.

- b. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (standing)  
Zoraya, Jiselle

Board Member Jiselle Kenny gave an update regarding the DEI Committee's activities and spoke about the importance of creating a DEI plan for MLH.

Board Member Zoraya Cruz thanked the Board for attending Mr. Gonzalez' DEI presentation.

- c. Programs & Housing Development (ad-hoc)  
Tom, Richard, Jennifer, Lindsay

Board Member Tom Hodges reported that the Committee had met with Mono County Staff Planner Bentley Regehr, and Town of Mammoth Lakes Associate Planner Nolan Bobroff to review the ADU program and discuss development of a draft ordinance to create an incentive program for the development of ADUs. Mr. Hodges reported that they would like to get a plan in place and be ready to go as soon as funding became available. He said that Town staff would work with MLH staff to put the plan together. He announced that MLH had submitted a CalHome Grant which included a request for funding of an ADU program and said they set a goal to get the draft ordinance ready to submit to the Town Council by the end of the year.

Board Member Lindsay Barksdale said that her takeaway from the meeting was that there was no rush to get a draft document prepared for an ADU program because it was too late in the year for this summer's building season. Ms. Barksdale reported that there were new restrictions with regard to ADUs that were discussed at the meeting.

- d. Marketing & Communications (ad-hoc)  
Jiselle, Lindsay

There was no report given.

- e. Board Nominations Committee (ad-hoc)  
Lindsay, Tom

Board Member Tom Hodges reported that he and Board Member Lindsay Barksdale had interviewed candidate Tony Perkins for the open Board Seat and described the attributes Mr. Perkins could bring to the Board. Mr. Hodges outlined the process required to appoint a new Board Member.

Ms. Robertson reported that MLH had received one additional application for the open seat.

Board Member Lindsay Barksdale reported that there would be an additional Board seat open since Board Member Jiselle Kenny had announced her pending resignation.

There was discussion between Ms. Robertson and members of the Board.

The Board went into recess at 7:54 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the Board will hold a closed session to consider the evaluation of performance of an employee, title: Executive Director. Announcement of Action taken in Closed Session

The Board went into closed session at 8:06 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:25 p.m.

Executive Director Patricia Robertson reported that no action was taken.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. to the next regular Board meeting scheduled on July 6, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Angela Plaisted  
Assistant Clerk  
Town of Mammoth Lakes

Patricia Robertson  
Secretary  
Mammoth Lakes Housing, Inc.