



National Community Development Association

Minutes of the Membership/

Planning & Professional Development Committees

New Orleans, Louisiana

June 1, 2000

ATTENDING:

Para H. Rosario (Bridgeport, CT),
Mark Adelson (Portland, ME),
Robert Gehret (Boston, MA),
George Hovorka (Fall River, MA),
Peter Garbati (Malden, MA),
Amy Yuhasz (Newton, MA),
Amintha Cinotti and Mark Merlino (Providence, RI),
Alfred Faella (Union County, NJ),
Michelle Gilliam (Decatur, AL),
Loretta Cleveland (Athens-Clark County, GA),
Cecilia Whittington (Knox County, TN),
Keith Hamre (Duluth, MN),
Jacqueline Howell (Monroe, LA),
Ellen Lee (New Orleans, LA),
Barbara VanDerLoop (Irving, TX),
Tammie Marcantel and Gene Dragulski (Orange, TX),
Rita Pribyl (Davenport, IA),
Karla L. Gomez-Meyer (Denver, CO),
Emily Nottingham (Tucson, AZ),
Scott Stevenson (Los Angeles County, CA),
Steve Young (Sacramento, CA),
AnaMarie Guiles (Boise, ID).
Guest: Michael Nail, NAHRO (Washington, DC).
Staff Attending: Chandra Western, Vicki Watson, Romulus Johnson, and Karen Means

A regularly scheduled meeting of the NCD A Membership/State Whip Committee and the Professional Planning and Development Committee was held on Thursday, June 1, 2000 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. The meeting was held in conjunction with NCD A's 2000 Annual

Conference. Brenda Richard-Montgomery, Committee Co-Chair and Community Development Director for Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes

George Hovorka, Planning & Housing Director for Fall River, Massachusetts, made a motion and Ms. Montgomery seconded it, to approve the minute of the previous committee meeting held on January 27, 2000 in Washington, D.C.

State Whips Manual Discussion

Ms. Montgomery informed the Committee that she would put a manual together and present it to the Committee in January.

NCDA WASHINGTON REPORT

The Committee proposed that NCDA members be allowed to choose whether they would like to receive the NCDA WASHINGTON REPORT via regular mail or e-mail without being charged an additional \$250.00. The Committee also proposed that members would also be allowed a 6-month response time in order to make their decision.

Chandra Western, NCDA's Executive Director, informed the Committee that all members who paid their membership dues in advance for the 2000/2001 fiscal year and included the additional \$250.00, would receive a refund.

Community Development Practitioner Certification Process

Michael Nail, Deputy Director of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), briefly discussed the ways in which NCDA and NAHRO could work together to move ahead on the CD certification program. He explained that NAHRO has several certification programs for public housing administrators and offered their expertise as NCDA proceeds in developing its certification program. Mr. Nail made it clear that NAHRO wanted to work with NCDA to design and allow NAHRO's members to participate in the certification program.

Amintha Cinotti, Associate Community Development Director for Providence, Rhode Island, lead a discussion on the results of the survey that was forwarded to the entire membership. It was very clear

from the responses that the membership overwhelmingly supports proceeding with a certification program for CD Practitioners. Ms. Cinotti made a motion and was second to present to the Board the recommendation to proceed with the CD certification program.

Membership Drive

Karen Means, NCDA's Office Manager, reported to the Committee steps NCDA had taken to increase membership. She stated that membership information was sent to the balance of entitlement communities that were not members of NCDA, HUD's potential optional entitlements, and, with the help of Karla Gomez-Meyer of Denver, Colorado and their HUD Field Office, the Rocky Mountain region.

Ms. Means also stated that she will be traveling to regional meetings and setting up an NCDA membership booth with information and CD Week materials and promotional items as another means to increase membership within the Association.

Other Business

Before the agenda items were discussed, Amintha Cinotti raised the issue of separating the Membership/State Whips Committee and the Planning and Professional Development Committee. She stated that the current situation did little to enhance the activities of the one

committee rather it minimized the individual work the two committees began in prior years. She explained that they would become more efficient, and stated that there has been no functional change in combining the two committees except on paper, in the By-Laws.

Ms. Cinotti made a motion, and seconded by Alfred Faella, Community Development Director for Union County, New Jersey, to separate the two committees and allow them to finish up the work they were committed to completing. This motion was made with the understanding that the Board of Directors would have to approve this recommendation and that NCDA's President would be required to activate the By-Laws Committee to incorporate this change.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.