

LRA Board Minutes
September 7, 2010

Present: Rob Smuts, Nan Bartow, Gary Spinner, Bob Caplan, Maggie Targove

Rob brought people up to date on talks between Columbus House and NH Housing Authority. There are two parcels that HA has suggested as a possibility for the Columbus House consortium. The transfer of property from HA to CH would be in lieu of the Wintergreen Ave. site, thereby accommodating the homeless. There are many questions that need to be addressed before CH can agree to a letter of conditional withdrawal of their NOI. There is an end date for the redevelopment plan and the consultant hired by the LRA of 11/30/2010.

What is the time frame that the above can all be accomplished?

What is a reasonable amount of time for CH to raise the funds for development?

What are regulations and guidelines that HA needs to abide by in order to do a transfer of property?

Maggie will submit letter to OEA asking for a final extension of time.

Maggie will see about extending the City contract with BBP for time only.

Rob will set up meeting with LCI attorney, Allison Cunningham and CH attorney and Housing Authority for the week of 9/20 in hopes of drawing up terms for a conditional letter of withdrawal. Rob will send the terms to LRA board members by 10/4 for members to review before the 10/5 LRA meeting. It is hoped that there can be a vote on that date.

Note: The revised Columbus House NOI calls for “52 one bedroom units of permanent supportive housing, structured to serve homeless and disabled individuals, with an emphasis on veterans...”

I will keep you updated on any changes and alterations to the meeting schedule.