Concord Housing Commission Minutes July 20, 2010 8:00 AM Chamber of Commerce

Present: R. Heard, S. Arndt, T. Avallone, L. Kilchenstein, J. Madden, C. Nadeau, B. Perkins, J. Rardin, S.

Smith-Meyer Scribe: T. Sink

The June minutes were approved. Sink promised to get minutes out well in advance in the future, because no one remembered that we had planned to skip the July meeting as duly noted in the June minutes. Oh well!

David Worcester will be coming off the commission. Rosemary recognized his contributions. David represented large employers. She suggested Dominique Clavarro from Concord hospital as a possible replacement. Tim will make outreach.

The committee discussed aspects of short and long term shelter supply and demand in Concord. Organizations are gearing up now for the winter ahead. Emergency shelters for families continue to be a challenge.

Rosemary reminded committee members that the commission is drafting a response to Jeff Taylor's land use recommendations and members are encouraged to weigh in. It is hoped that the response will be ready by the August 17 meeting. Carlos Baia will attend that meeting to bring us up to speed on where the process for making changes to land use planning in Concord is.

The committee discussed the current status of home values, foreclosures and access to financing for home buyers. Even though home values are down, unemployment and under employment make it hard for many to afford homes. Rental properties are up.

Brenda Perkins suggested the committee explore whether or not condex development is allowed in Concord. There are many financial advantages to a condex as opposed to a condominium. For example, no condo fees, which increases affordability. Shared driveways, septic systems, yard etc are also cost savings. The commission will explore this issue prior to the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17 at 8:00 AM at the Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Sink