

**TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN
HOUSING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 16, 2011**

The **Black Mountain Housing Commission** held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Town Hall at 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, N.C.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with the follow members present:

Peter Vazquez, Chair
Ruth Norton, Vice Chair
Chad Knight

Absent:

Phillip Bisesi
Carolyn Copeland
Jeff Hunter (extended medical leave of absence)
Levon Lindsey

Staff:

Jennifer Tipton, Interim Zoning Official
Rosa Hilbert, Senior Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk

Other (s)

Joan Brown, Mayor Pro Tem
Carlos Showers, Alderman

This is to document for the public record that there was not a quorum of the Housing Commission on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. There was no transaction of business at this event. Chair Peter Vazquez opened the floor for discussion of future goals.

Discussion

Chair Vazquez reviewed the purposes of the Housing Commission from Chapter 1 in the Land Use Code. Commission members were encouraged to continue their efforts to meet the goals listed in the Zoning Ordinance. Some of the goals discussed were:

- Seek representation on the Regional Housing Consortium from the Housing Commission membership;
- Work with outside agencies in promoting and providing resources for residents seeking homeownership and rentals in our area; provide a directory or listing of local contractors who would volunteer time/labor to assistance elderly and disabled residents with minor home repairs;
- Ask town to consider waiver of permit fees for home repairs for incapacitated or elderly homeowners;
- Continue making referrals to SVCM (Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry) for summer yard work and minor repair projects;

- Provide resource information on the town website, or include a link to the agency providing service to homeowners;
- Ask churches to include resource information in their bulletins or newsletters to reach folks who do not have computers; Consider a general email address for the Housing Commission membership;
- Consider amendments to the Minimum Housing Code to address issues with rental property concerning safety. (discuss recommendations with the Planning Board);
- Presentation of Housing Commission's goals at the Board of Aldermen meeting to generate more public awareness about what the Commission does;
- Arrange joint meeting with Planning Board addressing amendments to the Minimum Housing Code once they are established.

Ms. Brown encouraged the Commission to work on filling its vacancies and address absenteeism.

Next meeting: Staff – Mock brochure; contact OnTrack Financial, Education and Counseling Services to do workshop for renters.

Chair Vazquez acknowledged Alderman Showers and thanked him for attending the meeting. Discussion closed at 10:50 a.m.

Peter Vazquez, Chair

Chad Knight, Secretary

Rosa B. Hilbert,
Senior Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk