

CITY OF PORTAGE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of Meeting May 6, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Lenehan, Marc Meulman, Sandra Sheppard, Mike Thompson, Amy Tuley, Joanne Willson, Logan Wessendorf

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Diane Durian, Angela Manahan-Ilori, Elma (Pat) Maye

STAFF PRESENT: Tom McCoy, Community Development Specialist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 1, 2010 minutes were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Human/Public Services Available to Portage Citizens – Public Education – Ad Hoc Committee report:
No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fair Housing Activity Update - Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan, Bob Ells: Mr. Ells reported there were around 100 people at the annual Fair Housing Conference, 8 reporting they were from Portage. The Center has been involved in a new program, the Eviction Diversion Partnership, facilitated through the Kalamazoo County court. Multiple agencies are collaborating to help residents avoid eviction. The Fair Housing Center is working with the City of Portage on an update to its Impediments to Fair Housing report, which will be completed over the next fiscal year. Mr. Ells provided a CITY OF PORTAGE: FAIR HOUSING REPORT for July 1, 2009 – April 30, 2010, which provided more detail on fair housing activities in Portage, which included 17 non-fair housing information and referrals, and review of three housing discrimination complaints, two of which were referred to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and one of which was resolved in favor of the complainant. Willson commented on foreclosures in Portage.
2. Metro Transit ADA Advisory Committee – Update by Board member Lenehan: As there had not been a recent Metro Transit ADA Advisory Committee meeting, Lenehan had no new information to report.
3. 2010 Summer Board meeting schedule: The Board will not meet in June or July 2010, unless there is an action items on the agenda. The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 6.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS: Willson requested that the City Administration share with the Board how grant applicants are notified of awards.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Tuley, Chair of Human Service Board