

## **BELMONT HOUSING TRUST MINUTES OF 2/16/06**

**In Attendance:** Roger Colton, Judie Feins, Jonathan Jacoby, Nancy Marsh, Sallye Bleiberg

**Oakley Neighborhood Association:** No one present from this organization.

**Brighton St.:** We are hoping for a spring start-up. The property has not changed hands. Lark Palermo is the new executive director of Habitat. David Lopes has left. Lark is a former director of DCAM ( a state agency). We will be assigned a volunteer co-coordinator.

**B Street:** The market rate unit has been sold for \$468,000. The closing will be one week from today. There is a cash shortfall. The Trust may need to forgo \$25,000 and WATCH may need to forgo their remainder fee. An MIT professor from a Caribbean Island purchased the property.

**Lady of Mercy:** Roger distributed a letter, which the Oakley Neighborhood Association (ONA) sent to the Archdiocese. There was a discussion on how best to work together with ONA to develop the Oakley property.

According to Ann Silverman, there is money available for Smart Growth/Sustainable/ Green development. These are small pots of money.

Keith Manzel from the Profit Equity Group spoke to Roger. He expressed an interest in the Lady of Mercy site and in working with the Trust.

There was discussion about developing a list of Oakley Neighbors who support the Trust.

**McLean:** In order for the land to transfer to the Trust, there needs to be a 2/3rds vote by town meeting. The Town Meeting will be on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The League of Women Voters night will be on April 13<sup>th</sup>. There should be an insert in the warrant that is sent to Town Meeting Members. The RFP should be released after a favorable vote by Town Meeting. We will want Tom Younger to come to one of our meetings before the release of the RFP.

It was suggested that we have 2 meetings in March to move the RFP forward. Dates of 3-9-06 and 3-30-06 were proposed.

**O'Neill Property:** Sallye and Roger were at the hearing. Bob Engler said that he was open to discuss the number of units. He disagreed with the analysis that O'Neill should provide 15 more units. Roger thinks that Judy Cutler, town counsel, will tell the town that 40B cannot be used as an excuse to produce fewer affordable units.

O'Neill agreed to include all fees in the 30% income figure. He also agreed to disburse the units throughout the complex and to make them the same as other units. Roger talked to Mike Jacobs, the consultant hired by the Zoning Board.

**The Visualizing Density Forum** will be held on March 13, 2006 in the Chenery Community Room. It will be taped for Channel 8.

**The Belmont Center Planning Group** will have a hearing in late March/early April.  
They would like us to attend.

The next meeting date will be finalized shortly and members informed of the date.  
Nancy Marsh, Secretary