

MINUTES

WORKFORCE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

JUNE 15, 2023

The Town Council acting in its capacity as the Workforce and Affordable Housing Committee convened for a meeting at 12:00 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street. The meeting was held both in person and via Zoom Meeting, a virtual meeting portal, pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy.

In attendance Polly Kroger, Beth Lakin, Terry Schuyler and Russ Meyer. John Clark, Kevin Grambley and JT Thomas were absent.

Town Clerk's Notice of Meeting dated May 30, 2023.

Ross Valdez, with Impact Development Services, acting as the third party administrator of the affordable housing lottery and deed restriction process for Ridgway Wetterhorn Homes explained the lottery process. Each applicant has received a number which is printed on a lottery ball. They all will be placed into a machine and be randomly drawn by resident Barthold Lichtenbelt. He noted the number of entries match the participants for each household and entry. The order of the numbers as drawn will determine the order in which applicants will be contacted and asked which home they would like to apply for based on household size.

The numbers were drawn for Round 1 and in the final tally it was determined one of the applicants entry number and associated lottery ball, were not represented in the drawing. It was agreed that the drawing would have to be held again, and since the ball was missing a ball was taken from Round 2 to replace the missing one. The lottery balls were re-drawn for Round 1 and the order established.

Round 2 lottery balls were drawn, and the order established.

Mr. Valdez explained he will be contacting the applicants in the order drawn to determine selection of available homes, and then an email will be sent to all applicants within the month.

There were questions from the audience. Paul Major with Rural Homes, stated the non-profit organizations goal is to assist in securing funding for buyers. He noted there are 14 homes and stated "we will do everything we can to get them into a house".

There were comments from the audience, and comments from the Committee to the audience.

There were questions and comments by committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk