



**COVENTRY HUD HOUSING REHABILITATION/FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
ORCHARD HILL ESTATES
April 5, 2021 7:00PM**

Members Present: Marjorie Roach, Dorothy Grady, Housing Consultant Megan Burnett

Members Absent: Al Bradley

Marjorie Roach called the meeting to order at 7:11PM.

Audience of Citizens: None

Accept Minutes: Tabled

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Community Consulting's Report: Housing Rehab: \$181,688.57 PI balance as of March 31st. One payoff letter was sent out recently for another \$20,000. Four projects completed since last meeting: (1) end of Jan, (1) July, (1) Sept, (1) April. Nine additional applications have been sent out. Five did not follow through, two submitted paperwork but were over income, one has reached out to me several times stating that she is still gathering her income paperwork to submit, one will be signing a contract next week to begin work. Received several other inquiries, but in gathering up-front information over the phone they were either over income or not enough equity.

PI Reuse: DOH is allowing the reuse of PI for the purposes of installing touchless equipment in order address the prevention of COVID. The Town submitted a PI Reuse application up to \$100,000 for installing such items at the Senior Center and Orchard Hill. We are waiting to hear back from DOH as to whether or not the application is approved. The Town also included an allocation in the new PI Plan of up to \$50,000 for ADA improvements within community facilities throughout the Town. An application was not submitted for this yet. Per DOH requirements, a public notice was published on February 12th allowing for a 15 day comment period before bringing the plan to Town Council for approval on March 1st. Megan Burnett commented that DOH is starting to reach out to Town's with excessive PI to spend it quickly, or possibly return it to the State. There was discussion on how, while the Committee is in favor of the PI Reuse, a formal meeting was not held giving their approval. Further discussion around the ADA improvements involved potential ADA projects at the two Town beaches. Items discussed included ADA accessible pathways with railings to the beaches from designated ADA parking spaces; benches at the parking lots for those who can't access the beach, as well as benches on the beach for those who are able to use the pathway; and perhaps ADA compliant playground equipment.

Orchard Hill: The Town was awarded the 2020 Small Cities grant for improvements at Orchard Hill. The total award was \$1.5 million. The Assistance Agreement has not been sent to the Town yet.

Adjournment: Marjorie Roach made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52PM. Dorothy Grady seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on Monday, July 12th at 7pm. New location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted:

Megan Burnett