

Community Housing Expansion of Austin

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday December 19th.

Matt D & Elliott Bucknall the meeting to order at

In attendance, constituting a quorum: *[edit by NSL on 1/21: this was not a quorum]*

Elliott Bucknall- Secretary
Matt Dietrich - Human Resources
Natalie San Luis – Staff

Last meeting minutes were approved

Natalies staff report:

****Agenda items should be sent to discuss@lareunioncoop.org NOT info@lareunioncoop.org
AND buisness@sasona.coop ****

Agenda Items:

- 1.) Board member elections**
- 2.) Strategic planning**
- 3.) New meeting facilitation procedures** (Natalie, 15 minutes, establish and vote in facilitation procedures)
- 4.) Housing Bond / ROC Update –**
- 5.) Annual review of the employee / employee job description**
- 6.) Availability of meeting minutes** – Elliott will hunt down Gatlin.

1.) Board elections –

Officer positions; chair needs to be voted on, we can revote Barak in

- Matt feels motivated to run for board.
- More of the board should be present to move forward.
- Depending on how elections shakes out we may need to bring on new elections.
- The chair, treasurer, and maybe other positions will be up for election.

2.) Strategic planning

- Hana is coming to the meeting on the 23rd. We are paying her 40\$ an hour for 2 hours. She is a master's student with a background in Palestenian occupation.
- Natalie will talk to her to fill her in on where we our. Our goal, is to have more specific goals and specific things to talk about. Another goal is to figure out the areas that Chea in terms of diversity & inclusivity.

- Co-operation Texas has helped us out in the past on a plan, but Natalie felt it was too vague and left out themes of diversity & inclusivity.
- Natalie will find us a public library room for the meeting, probably not the one downtown.

3.) New meeting facilitation procedures

-Matt has a list from a NASCO handout that will help us. Matt will send the handout to the board.

- Natalie has compiled a list of resources on the google drive that are a good foundation for facilitation and has shared resources on the google drive.

- A few things we should use for CHEA meetings-

- ****Setting a time limit and a goal for each agenda item****
- ****Keeping Stack****
 - Having a “parking lot” when things stray outside the agenda topic
 - Check ins and check outs
 - *Community agreements*, that are about encouraging participation that is meaningful. Matt sent out examples of these from Nasco institute. An example of this would be “One Diva one mic”. They are understanding principles that board members come in before hand.
 - Trading off facilitation – a different people can take turns facilitating different meetings.
 - Pair off and come back after 10 or so minutes if the conversation feels static.
 - Evaluation of facilitation procedures.

3.) Housing Bond / ROC update:

Housing bond

- Natalie met with Ryan to talk about opportunities for ARNL or CHEA to get on with housing bond money. Ryan is the chair of a housing subcommittee with ACBA.
- ACBA can help us use the housing money to expand the reach of co-ops in Austin.
- Ryan described the logistics of how housing bond money is distributed. There are 4 pools that are available, only two of which are practical for us ;
 - 1.) HOTA – is for land/property acquisition.
 - 2.) ROTA- Existing rental housing adding more units.
- There are other things we can do to get extra points for further qualifications in the housing bond.
 - We have to go through compliance procedures that would possibly require audits from big accounting firms to go through our books.
 - There is a quarterly review system. There is a 3-month application process that goes through city council. There are a lot of the scoring benchmarks in a City of Austin application.
 - ROTA money could potentially used for La Reunion maintenance issues which are pretty serious. This can be brought to a La Reunion meeting.
 - We can talk about this in a housing subcommittee .

ROC

- TRLA meeting
- BASTA.
- Natalie looked at a network agreement.
- A BASTA attorney would need to look over the network agreement, and application paperwork.
- We may have a separate advisory board/subcommittee with other people from the community.
- We may need to pay someone a lot of money to be on the board.
- Natalie can call on Friday afternoon.

-----NEW BUISNESS-----

New member orientation

- Natalie can meet with Kay and Rebecca, about new member orientation.

----NEXT MEETINGS----

January 16th at La Renion

January 23rd at a library.

Future agenda items –

- 1.) Staff update
- 2.) Approve minutes
- 3.) Board elections
- 4.) Staff evaluation / job description
- 5.) Strategic plans
- 6.) Community agreements.
- 7.) ROC/ CTAP update / housing bond.
- 8.) Board elections

----NEXT MEETINGS----

January 16th 7PM @ La Reunion

January 23rd 7PM @ TBD public library room.