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Martha's Vineyard Commission

Land Use Planning Committee

Draft Notes of the Meeting of July 28, 2008

Held in the Stone Building, New York Avenue, Oak Bluffs. 5:30 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Richard Toole; Chris Murphy; John Breckenridge; Susan Shea; Pete Cabana; Kathy Newman; and Christina Brown.

MVC Staff Present: Paul Foley.

2. Edgartown Affordable Housing (DRI 551) BADD/Field Review

Applicant: Doug Ruskin and Ted Morgan of the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee.

Proposal: The proposal is to change the offer from donating three lots in the BADD subdivision for affordable housing to donating \$1,800,000 to the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee.

MVC Process:

- On June 30, 2008 the LUPC voted unanimously to recommend to the full Commission that this is an insignificant change that does not require a public hearing as a DRI and that they should accept this modification as proposed.
- At the July 24, 2008 MVC Meeting the full Commission voted 6-4 that this is a significant change that does require a public hearing as a DRI.
- Prior to this LUPC Meeting (July 28) the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee made an appeal to the Edgartown Selectmen to ask the MVC to reconsider the vote and send it back to the Town.

Commissioner Public Disclosure:

- Commissioner Brown revealed that she is a member of the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee but that she was going to participate in the discussion since the LUPC is an informal meeting of commissioners.

Applicant Presentation:

- Doug Ruskin said that he and Ted Morgan are here to appeal to the LUPC to reconsider the Modification Review from last Thursday.
- He said that they were not present last Thursday because the unanimous recommendation from the LUPC seemed to them to not require their attendance.
- The Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee has been working on this for many months. Everybody they have talked to has said that it was a great idea. There may be a time constraint.
- Ted Morgan said they would like the MVC to reconsider. They worked on this for a long time. There are a number of things we can do with the money instead of having three empty lots.

- Doug Ruskin said that if they could have the \$1.8 million we could buy homes that are already built. The offer was for three empty lots.
- Who would qualify for the units would go through a whole process. The problem is that historically giving an empty lot to a family that qualifies for it creates a problem with getting a house constructed. They are often either stalled or left undone altogether.

Motion to Reconsider

- Commissioner Murphy said that he voted at the MVC Meeting that the proposed Modification required a public hearing. Listening to the representatives of the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committees concerns he thought it might be worth reconsidering. He added that he in no way meant to hamstring the Affordable Housing Committee.
- ***Commissioner Murphy made a motion to recommend to the full commission to reconsider the vote on whether this proposal requires a public hearing. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cabana and passed unanimously (CM; JB; RT; KN; SS; PC; CB)***