

RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Friday, December 20, 2019
TIME: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Rm. 210 B, Wood County Courthouse
ATTENDEES: Jill Trzebiatowski (WCHS), Quentin Ellis (WCSD), Joe Zurfluh (WCSD), Dan Schroeder (WDOC), Scott Timm (WDHS), Paul Bernard (P&Z) and Peter Kastenholz (WCCC).

The Committee members determined that there were no changes needed to the minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2019.

The Committee was advised that the CTH V property that had been referred on to the vendor has been taken off the market and would not have been acceptable anyway inasmuch as the garage extends ten feet onto the neighboring property.

The Committee decided that it will continue to use one vendor, Tellemarie Artistry, LLC, as multiple vendors may lessen their focus.

The Committee utilized Zillow and Trulia to review properties for sale and rent in the county that would be outside of the statutorily protected areas. This included going over some properties that had been given light scrutiny in the past but were not deemed as suitable as other properties at the time. It was determined to refer three properties on to the vendor to gauge its interest and meanwhile, Lt. Zurfluh will check out the properties to verify that there are not any children living in close proximity to any of them and address general safety issues of that nature. If the vendor expresses interest in any of the properties, then a more thorough review will be done by law enforcement and meanwhile we are looking for the vendor to come to inspect one or more of the properties by the end of the year and possibly make an offer within the next week or two.

It was explained by Scott that after a property is identified and arrangements for the vendor to purchase it and the state to lease it from the vendor have been made and the court has approved of everything, then prior to actual placement, a meeting with local residents will be set up by the state and law enforcement. Apparently these meetings can be contentious and are informational only as all decisions will have been made prior to the community meeting.

The consensus was that there should not need to be a committee meeting until the vendor and the state have come to agreement on what property is suitable and the purchase and lease arrangements have been made. The next meeting would then focus on the letter to be written to the court on the outcome of the committee's work. If, however, there is not a property that works out, then the committee will need to meet within the next month to determine how to proceed.

Minutes taken by Peter Kastenholz