

**Minutes  
Baron's South Committee  
September 2, 2011**

In Attendance:

Steve Daniels, co-chair  
Yvonne Senturia  
Ken Bernhard  
John Thompson  
Sharon Rosen  
Shelly Kassen, Selectwoman  
Jack Klinge (RTM Liaison)

Minutes from August 19, 2011 were tabled until next meeting.

Agenda Items are set forth by Steve Daniels, co-chair

1. Discussion of meeting with the State Department of Social Services
2. RFP/Define services

Impressions from our meeting with State of Connecticut – Commissioner of Department of Social Services and staff.

The meeting was very informative but there is no fiscal advantage at this time to partner with the State in their mission of choice in long-term care. We can certainly be an example of a community housing resource. We will continue our talks with the State as it can never be underestimated the power of good public relations. DSS' offer to set up meetings with State funding agencies (Dept. of Economic Development and CTAFSA) is good for our RFP.

Once the RFP is finalized Steve hopes to meet with Connecticut economic development groups to discuss the RFP as this will lend credibility to the project. While developers want to see the project as financially attractive, there must have a significant percentage of affordable units.

RFP/ Services:

We cannot project level of services at this time. It is on a continuum and develops over time. Our vision is a community where seniors can live independently with services when and if necessary. The project is outcome oriented. The RFP will reflect two phases of the project, the first phase being the independent senior housing with services and the second phase is a long term small house model. In the RFP there will be a request for demonstration of ability to proceed to phase 2 – ability to provide long term care. The senior housing must provide physical capacity to allow individuals to gain access to services in a dignified way and convenient manner. The basic services could be provided by an affiliated agency with a proven track record and expertise in senior care. This will not be an exclusive agency to the facility. There will be a resident services coordinator who can provide names and assist in make arrangements with service providers of the person's choice. This is not an assisted living concept. It is an independent housing with services.

The developer is the landlord. A service provider may be an operator of the building. There will be various physical spaces available for a care coordinator, consultation room, and wellness program. We want the developers to come back to tell us with what they envision as the types of physical spaces that would optimize the outcome of the project.

List of items:

1. RFP – continue to develop and finalize
2. Masonic Care meeting before the meeting with BOF
3. Meet with DECD and CTFA
4. September 26 meeting not necessary
5. October 2011 – get on BOF agenda to show them RFP. Perhaps a work session with BOF and invite the RTM.
6. Community outreach meeting after the BOF meeting
7. RFP sent out after the community meeting

Meeting adjourned by Steve Daniels at 11:15 AM