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GOVERNOR QUINN SIGNS CAPITAL BILL!

Legislative News from Springfield

When Governor Pat Quinn unveiled his first budget proposal March 18, 2009, it included a state capital projects plan. The Office of the Governor included \$25 million in new state capital for affordable housing.

From March to May, affordable housing was promised up to \$500 million and, in the last days, down to \$0 capital dollars. Thanks to the dedicated work of the Illinois Housing Council calls were made to key legislators to remind them of their promises to affordable housing. When the final bill passed both chambers, it contained

approximately \$145 million in capital for affordable housing.

We all have a lot to be proud of for this accomplishment. This is the largest one time appropriation for affordable housing the state has ever passed. The bills that contain the capital spending, bonding and implementation language

were all signed by Governor Quinn on Monday, July 13th.

[Special Note From the Board: Our Executive Director Amy Wagner, had a lead role in advocacy for this important legislative accomplishment!]

JOIN US!

2009 Golf Outing!



IHC Second Annual Golf Outing scheduled for August 13, 2009. Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington, IL. (1010 S. Northwest Hwy) Registration starts at 10:00 am and the shot gun start begins at 11:00. Box lunch will be provided and there will be a cocktail reception and hors d'oeuvres following golf in the club house. Please register on the website at www.ilhousing.org or mail your check and registration information to Illinois Housing Council, 322 S. Green St., Ste. 400, Chicago, IL 60607.

In October of 2008, the Illinois Housing Council held its first golf outing. The first date in September was cancelled due to rain and the October date ended rainy, as well. All 60 participants had fun despite the bad weather. **The Illinois Housing Council would like to thank the sponsors of 2009 Golf Outing.**

Winners of prizes donated by *Draper and Kramer* were: 1st Place team scoring 65 and defying the challenging weather condi-

tions - Tom Sigrist, Paul Matusiak, Chris Block and Jerome Sullivan; Most Honest team (score was undoubtedly due to the poor weather conditions), Andy Jaworsky, Pete Vietti, Mark Jones, and Thomas Brady. Longest Drive, Jim Buchholz. Closest to the Pin, Kevin Waco. Longest Putt, Mark Jones.

It's not too late to register! Go to www.ilhousing.org or contact Amy Wagner for more information.

Special points of interest:

- GOVERNOR QUINN SIGNS CAPITAL BILL
- 2009 GOLF OUTING
- ANNUAL MEETING RECAP
- FEATURED IHC MEMBER

Annual Meeting and Conference Recap

The Illinois Housing Council held its annual meeting and conference on February 26, 2009 at the Chicago Marriott Downtown. The conference featured six panels tackling the most pertinent topics in the industry. The day started with a “bonus panel” regarding the New Market Tax Credit. This was followed by panels on Federal Legislative Issues, Equity, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Diversifying Business Models in Stagnant Markets and ending with an “Agency Matters” panel. This panel featured Bill Eager of Chicago’s Department of Community

Development and Linda Thurmond of the Illinois Housing Development Authority. It was by far the most popular of the conference. There were nearly 160 people in attendance which is a record number of attendees. **The Illinois Housing Council would like to thank its sponsors once again for their help in hosting this event:** Chase, JP Morgan Capital Corporation, Reznick Group, Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen, S.B. Friedman & Company, Community Investment Corporation, Sterling Bank, Red Stone, Capstone Development Group, Pathway Senior Living,

RBC Capital Markets, and Skender Construction.

During the conference IHC members elected 4 new board members to serve a two year term. Those new board members are Kevin Waco of Walsh Construction, Mark Skender of Skender Construction, Mike Neihaus of Windsor Development and Nick Brunick of Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen. The Illinois Housing Council also congratulates our new President, Bruce Schiff of Reznick Group.



Illinois Housing Council Launches a New Website



The Illinois Housing Council is proud to announce the launch of a brand new website. This website is designed to be more “user friendly” and a reliable source for information for our membership. New members will be able to join the organization online, current members and friends will be able to register on line for events, and the website is now linked with Pay Pal so that

IHC can accept credit cards for registration fees and membership dues. There is a “members only” section, where IHC will post special bulletins and information for IHC members who are paid-in-full. A user name and password will be distributed when information is posted. The web address is the same: www.ilhousing.org. Please visit the website and let

Amy Wagner know what you think!

New Members

IHC would like to take a little space in this edition of *The Insider* to welcome our newest members who have joined our association within the past few months.

- Axia Development,
- Bickerdike Development,
- DePaul University,
- Dubin & Associates,
- Evergreen Real Estate Services,
- Georgia HAP Administrators,
- MACO Companies,
- Orput Companies,
- Senior Lifestyle Corporation, and
- Weis Builders.

Welcome and we're glad to have you!

IHC Member Accomplishments

Senior Suites of Kelvyn Park

Owner – Senior Lifestyle Corporation
Architect – Cubellis
Contractor – Walsh Construction

The Senior Suites of Kelvyn Park is an 85-unit, 76,000 SF building on the Northwest side of Chicago. This senior living apartment building is a six story cast-in-place concrete structure with exterior features consisting of a brick veneer over a metal stud wall backup, Renaissance stone bands with accents, vinyl windows with aluminum sills and extensive landscaping.

This building construction includes “Green” components such as permeable concrete pavers and green roof technologies. The building interior features units that are approximately 580 SF each. Common areas include multi-purpose rooms, food service/kitchen, library, laundry, as well as building management rooms. Senior Lifestyle Corporation has also partnered with the City of Chicago to include a Senior



Sankofa House

Architect – Harley Ellis Deveraux
Owner – Interfaith Housing Development Corporation

Chicago’s North Lawndale neighborhood is now home to an environmentally-friendly affordable housing development aimed at strengthening non-traditional kinship families and supporting young adults aging out of the state’s foster care system.

Three generations will be housed in Sankofa House, and will share on-site support while also becoming each others’ supportive network. Sankofa House consists of a combination of two-, three-, and four-bedroom units for the kinship families and one bedroom “starter”

apartments for the young adults ages 18 – 23.

Interfaith Housing Development Corporation (IHDC) and community partner Sankofa Safe Child developed the 58-unit apartment complex. Harley Ellis Deveraux provided architecture and design services.

The development was a pilot project under the Department of Housing’s Green Residential Program and Chicago’s expedited green permit/paperless process.



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The Illinois Housing Council would like to recognize one of our members this month for excellence in the industry. Skender Construction in Palos Hills, Illinois was recently featured in Crain's Chicago Business magazine as a business that is still experiencing revenue growth even in tough economic times. The company was founded by father Joseph Skender in 1955 and is now run by brothers Joseph and Mark Skender.

Focus of the company has been on senior housing in recent years but

also has expanded beyond to include educational, religious, recreational and municipal projects. It is this variety that has helped Skender Construction weather the storm of the rough economy.

Skender Construction is planning to consolidate its offices in Chicago and Palos Hills to one office in Chicago at 200 West Madison. This in expanded location will be open August 1st. Congratulations to Skender Construction for all of its successes! We're proud to have you as members of the Illinois Housing Council.



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