

**FLAGLER COUNTY**  
**AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
*Meeting Minutes*  
*January 16, 2018*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** *Sandra Shank, Dorothy Sperber, Charles Ericksen Jr, Denise Santa Maria, Rich Belhumeur, David Alfin, Sharon Demers and Joe Kowalsky*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** *Thomas Stauffacher, Carmen Bongiovanni*

**EXCUSED ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** *Ralston Reodica-SHIP Administrator, Lacy Page-Administrative Assistant*

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:**

None

1. Call to order; Rick Belhumeur called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.
2. Review of Minutes from the December 12, 2017 Regular Meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Dorothy Sperber and **SECONDED** by Denise Santa Maria to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting.

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

3. SHIP/SAIL Advocacy Update

Discussion ensued regarding advocacy. David and Dorothy went to Tallahassee and had a meeting with Senator Hutson and Representative Renner and pushed to stop the Sadoski sweeping. It was discussed to advocate for a letter to be written on behalf of the Committee to send to our legislators. David will work on the draft and Ralston will facilitate. Sandra suggested emphasize data and the affordable housing needs. Sharon wants it noted that free and reduced school lunches should be considered as a data source for the lack of funding in Flagler County. This letter needs to be presented to the BOCC by early February to receive approval in order to get to Tallahassee session.

4. Bylaws and Ordinance Update

Dorothy Sperber read through the Bylaws and wants to keep citizens at large position based on the influence they bring to the table. Dorothy also suggested bringing municipalities into the board to broaden the reach. Based on the Florida statute we should add the reference of the statute rather than identifying a specific number of members on our board.

5. Elections

Per bylaws, it was brought to the board's attention that we are to hold an annual election every January.

Sandra Shank recommended David Alfin for Chair.

A **MOTION** was made by Sandra Shank and **SECONDED** by Denise Santa Maria to nominate and elect David Alfin as Chair of the AHAC.

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

A **MOTION** was made by David Alfin and **SECONDED** by Denise Santa Maria to nominate and elect Sandra Shank as Vice Chair of the AHAC.

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

6. LHAP Amendments:

Ralston suggested a new housing strategy to emphasize incentives for construction of affordable homeownership (single-family) development in Flagler County. Could potentially provide SHIP funds as development subsidy and assist with impact fees, but only if full SHIP allocation is received from the State.

Also, to add a short sale policy to our LHAP regarding foreclosures and recapturing funds through legal means.

7. Other Business:  
Chair Comments:

Future Guest Speakers:

It was suggested that we get some guest speakers in to our AHAC meetings:

- Builder from HBA (Dorothy said she would contact someone)
- Mayor of Palm Coast
- County Commissioners
- Adam Mengel (Planning Director)
- Jose Papa (City of PC Affordable Housing)
- Jacksonville builder of affordable housing
- Helga Van Eckert (Director of EO)

8. Public Comments  
N/A

9. Adjourn

A **MOTION** was made by David Alfin and **SECONDED** by Denise Santa Maria adjourn the meeting at 9:25 am.