

FLAGLER COUNTY
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Thomas Stauffacher, Carmen Bongiovanni, Rich Belhumeur, David Alfin, Sharon Demers, Joe Kowalski, Sandra Shank and Charles Ericksen, Jr*

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Denise Santa Maria and Dorothy Sperber*

EXCUSED ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: *Ralston Reodica, SHIP Administrator; Lacy Page, Administrative Assistant; Lorie Bailey-Brown, Financial Services Director*

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: *Dr. Douglas Courtney, Denise Calderwood*

1. Call to order; Rich Belhumeur called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
2. Welcomed new member Sandra Shank
3. Review of Minutes from the August 8, 2017 Regular Meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Carmen Bongiovanni and **SECONDED** by David Alfin to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting.

MOTION carried unanimously.

4. LHAP Review and Discussion: SHIP Disaster Recovery

Review to add term to disaster recovery to the LHAP. Staff suggestion – open up the language to include need for short-term rentals. Currently only repairs for \$4000 nothing for rental assistance.

Also want to discuss Assets. Drill down on the 0.6% and add cap out. Declined to add this to LHAP.

Shortage of rentals in FC discussed greatly. Assisting people during disasters with rental assistance would help tremendously.

A **MOTION** was made by David Alfin and **SECONDED** by Carmen Bongiovanni to add rental assistance to Disaster strategy in LHAP mirroring state language and to keep disaster assistance at \$4000.

MOTION carried unanimously.

5. Bylaws and Ordinance Update

Conversation ensued about Rental Development Strategy and to use funds to assist / reduce cost to infrastructure and impact fees. Mirror state plan.

Group was asked to compare rapid rehousing- if there is a project, we can help as a whole. Still will assist rapid rehousing.

A **MOTION** was made by Carmen Bongiovanni and **SECONDED** by David Alfin to add Rental Development Strategy Codes 14, 21 to LHAP.

MOTION carried unanimously.

6. Other Business: SHIP Funding Advocacy

Ralston mentioned that advocacy is needed to contact state representatives in the legislature to support full funding of the affordable housing trust fund for Flagler County. David Alfin volunteered to contact Representative Paul Renner and to lead advocacy efforts. Sharon Demers suggested a regional meeting and working with other AHACs.

7. Public Comments

Dr. Douglas Courtney spoke on building affordable housing. He explained that Flagler County does not participate in state funding for grants to offer money to those wanting to build in Flagler County. He provided the committee with an informational packet of Community Development Organizations and the monies available. Concern for Volusia/Flagler Coalition and lack of Flagler funding. Says \$500,000 available and a government agency needs to apply for it. Rural Development center in Bunnell should be applying for funds.

Denise Calderwood also spoke on the lack of funding for Flagler County and her wish to bring funding to Flagler County. Also mentioned that her non-profit is struggling with impact fees in a 6 unit affordable housing in Bunnell. Have to do fund raising to come up with costs to keep rent at \$300 a month.

8. Adjourn

A **MOTION** was made by Tom Stauffacher and **SECONDED** by David Alfin to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 am.