

FLAGLER COUNTY
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Thomas Stauffacher, Carmen Bongiovanni Rich Belhumeur, David Alfin, Sharon Demers, Joe Kowalski, Sandra Shank, Dorothy Sperber*

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Charles Ericksen, Jr and Denise Santa Maria, Rich Belhumeur*
EXCUSED ABSENT:

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: *DeAnna Oflaherty*

1. Call to order; David Alfin called the meeting to order at 8:36 am.
2. Review of Minutes from the October 17, 2017 Regular Meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Carmen Bongiovanni and **SECONDED** by Joe Kowalski to approve the minutes of the October 17th, 2017 meeting.

MOTION carried unanimously.

3. Housing/ AHAC Overview Presentation

Presentation included information about the SHIP programs available. CDBG program. Funding sources – doc stamp revenue.

4. Subordination Approval for SHIP #84-89

Conversation ensued regarding the client to attend credit counselling and to see if education could possibly assist. Committee felt that client had a pattern of behavior as this was their 2nd subordination.

A **MOTION** was made by Sandra Shank and **SECONDED** by Sharon Demers to deny Subordination Approval for SHIP #84-89.

MOTION carried unanimously.

5. LHAP Amendments

Down payment assistance strategy was discussed amongst committee. The committee wanted to mirror Volusia County's down payment award limitations which for extremely low- \$40,000; very low- \$28,000; low- \$23,000 and moderate \$18,000

A **MOTION** was made by Carmen Bongiovanni and **SECONDED** by Tom Stauffacher to mirror Volusia County's Maximum award chart.

MOTION carried unanimously.

The maximum amount currently for Flagler County is \$189,682 and the committee would like to increase it to \$225,000 for all income levels.

A **MOTION** was made by Sandra Shake and **SECONDED** by Carmen Bongiovanni to increase the purchase price for new construction and existing homes to \$225,000.

MOTION carried unanimously.

6. Bylaws and Ordinance Update

The committee discussed the previously discussed LHAP rules and tasked Dorothy Sperber with doing some additional research to become familiar with changes and bring forth new information.

7. Other Business:

SHIP Funding Advocacy: Strategies and support letter – committee asked that we form a letter to submit to our local representatives and become uniform to attract more funds to Flagler County.

Future Guest Speakers – committee would like for Representative Renner and Senator Hutson to come and listen in on one of our meetings.

8. Public Comments

DeAnna Oflaherty discussed the importance of education and counseling. She is with St. Johns Housing Partnership and she let everyone know that she works to assist families in the education process of buying a new home. They offer full counseling that teaches them how to manage their money and budget for the future.

9. Adjourn

A **MOTION** was made by Carmen Bongiovanni and **SECONDED** by Tom Stauffacher adjourn the meeting at 9:46 am.