

## Minutes of the AHAC Meeting Jan. 8, 2019

Members Present: Sandra Shank, Rick Belhumeur, Denise Santa Maria, Joe Kowalsky, Thomas Stauffacher,

Members Absent: Carmen Bongiovanni, Joe Mullins, Dorothy Sperber

Staff Present: Ralston Reodica, Kathy Kiley

Members of the public present: Daisy Henry, Rodney Lucas, Ginny Mulligan, Bonita Robinson, Deanna O'Flaherty, Jennifer Cauldwell, Susan Miller, Tammy Yorke, Jay Roberts

1. Call to order: Ralston Reodica
2. Minutes of the last meeting on December 11, 2019 not recorded at time of meeting.
3. Sandra Shank elected as Chair, Thomas Stauffacher elected as Vice Chair.
4. Changes were made and approved to the 2019-2022 SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan. Changes to reflect in the Housing Plan and will be distributed in the next meeting.
5. Public Comments:

Jennifer Cauldwell, would like to help the residents of the Family Life Center to find affordable rentals for those who are leaving the center. It is very difficult to find an affordable place and would like to advance efforts towards this goal.

Pastor Daisy Henry stated she has been working on affordable housing for many years. There are various churches that had the extra property and would be interested to build affordable housing but they do not have the funds. However, she would like to see more movement towards building homes, and/or multifamily units for the low income population. She stated there is a real need in Flagler County as well as a need for financial literacy.

Deanna O'Flaherty of St. Johns Housing Partnership stated we can speak openly to the Flagler County Board members and voice our opinions as most of the attendees in the meeting are not employees of Flagler County.

We all agree there is a real need to educate those looking for affordable housing from financial literacy to becoming a responsible renter and/or homeowner. Our goal is to not only advocate for the low income population but to work with Flagler County to attract developers/builders who would work with us to build affordable

homes. The SHIP program only has limited funds but we do have a financial incentive for developers/builders to proceed with our mission.

The meeting was approximately 1 ½ hours long and per the Agenda #6 Discussion of Committee's 2019 Priorities and Housing Objectives and #7 Other Business were tabled until the February meeting.

Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn by Sandra Shank and second by Thomas Stauffacher.