

**FLAGLER COUNTY**  
**AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
*Meeting Minutes*  
*May 8, 2018*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** *Rich Belhumeur, David Alfin, Thomas Stauffacher and Denise Santa Maria, Sandra Shank, Dorothy Sperber, Carmen Bongiovanni and Joe Kowalsky*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** *Charles Ericksen Jr, Sharon Demers,*  
**EXCUSED ABSENT:**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:** *Dr. Douglas Courtney*

1. Call to order; David Alfin called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
2. Review of Minutes from the April 10, 2018 Regular Meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Carmen Bongiovanni and **SECONDED** by Sandra Shank to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2017 meeting.

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

3. DEO Florida Small Cities CDBG Program – Citizens Advisory Task Force
  - Ralston discussed possibility of pursuing a Community Development Block Grant for Flagler County. The Task Force is voluntary but needs to be composed of 51% of low income and unincorporated FC residents. Seeking interest for a feel of board.
  - Requires competitive application for funding to DEO
  - No competition with city of PC – funding is separate for county
  - Asked if any downside : no, staff is the only thing that is necessary as an addition which the grant covers a % of funding
  - State has to release funding in order to move forward and that can take time
  - \$700,000. For a two year grant for unincorporated Flagler county
4. Goals and Objectives
  - Tom mentioned keeping the BOCC up to date on our progress as a committee, provide slide show of before and after's to show the importance of what happens with SHIP dollars.
  - 6 month progression

- Sandra Shank asked about where we are on not for profits / Dorothy indicated the Florida Relators Association has been with attorneys getting the approval to begin the 501c3 application. This will take at least 12 months to get off the ground
- Sandra mentioned getting this information out to the public so we are not duplicating efforts. 501c3 can be very competitive with grants due to lack of funding.
- Chamber of Commerce may be another good outlet to educate

5. Other Business:

Future Guest Speakers

- David suggested Charlie Faulkner on building specs and zoning
- Rich suggested Adam Mengel
- Helga van Eckert was suggested
- It was also requested that April's speaker, Mary Alford (Sustainable Design Group) from Gainesville provide more information on the pocket neighborhoods and see what we need to do in FC.
- David also wants to think about the direction of the committee

6. Public Comments

- Dr. Douglas Courtney said education is key and he's been around elected officials that when asked about affordable housing in Flagler County they all refer to the AHAC and there is more to it than that. He said it is important that we let them know the foot they have in the game and the resources that are available.

7. Adjourn

A **MOTION** was made by Carmen Bongiovani and **SECONDED** by Denise Santa Maria adjourn the meeting at 9:14 am.