MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Shank, Thomas Stauffacher, Dorothy Sperber, Carmen Bongiovanni, Rick Belhumeur, Jay Roberts, Diana Seydlorsky

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Mullins, Denise Santa Maria, Tammy Yorke, Tammi Marquis

EXCUSED ABSENT: A MOTION was made by Carmen Bongiovanni and SECONDED by Dorothy Sperber to approve the minutes of the August 13th meeting

STAFF PRESENT: Ralston Reodica, Devrie Paradowski, Gina Lemon

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Mark Langley, Valerie Clymer, Denise Calderwood, Rodney Lucas

1. Call to order, Sandra Shank called the meeting to order at 8:33 am.


A MOTION was made by Carmen Bongiovanni and SECONDED by Dorothy Sperber to approve the minutes of the August 13th meeting

MOTION carried unanimously.

3. Review of Fair Housing Ordinance
   a. Ralston reviewed the corrections and noted the length of time to file complaints. Dorothy mentioned discussion last month regarding Section VII regarding outside sources. Sandra pointed to section (b) with regard to delegation and Dorothy explained the need for a more specific process since it mentions an appointed board and there is none.

   TASK: AHAC members requested staff to change in verbiage from “to an appointed board” to “to a designee” in the fair housing ordinance of Flagler County.

   b. Based on discussion at previous AHAC meetings, Ralston followed up on the idea that AHAC could be the “appointed board” to field complaints to which there was consensus among attendees that AHAC was not well equipped or trained to handle these cases. Tom noted the verbiage which said, “Implements the provisions of this ordinance,” which would be outside the scope of AHAC. The chair reiterated the change in verbiage and consider the “designee” change which would allow the board to do so and would allow for flexibility in that regard.

   c. Diana asked the board and staff consider all the verbiage since it was originally written in the 90’s, and Sandra confirmed that committee members have been reviewing the ordinance and agree that, for the time, it was relatively progressive.

4. 2019 SHIP Annual Report
   a. Ralston reviewed the annual report.
   b. He explained that the funding allocation has decreased the past 3 years.
c. Ralston explained how the SHIP office has leveraged funding in an effort to maximize the return on investment. It is approximately $5 of private funds for every $1 of SHIP funds.

d. Ralston discussed the funding and explained that the annual report would be brought to the board on September 16th at 5:00 pm to which Sandra addressed the committee to encourage attendance and to show support.

e. A conversation about wait lists ensued to which members expressed desire to consolidate county-wide wait lists for SHIP and other housing needs such as weatherization through NFCAA to demonstrate the need to local and state leaders.

f. Sandra encouraged members to encourage citizens in need of assistance or who are on wait lists to attend board meetings to express support for affordable housing initiatives and funding.

g. Thomas asked Ralston if there was a wait list as there is for the Weatherization Assistance Program, and requested a solid unified task to bring these wait list numbers together to demonstrate this need. Ralston explained that SHIP worked through the wait list and instead maintains a contact list, to which Thomas suggested that the need is still indicated, regardless of qualification of assistance.

5. Legislative Advocacy
a. Agenda item was transitioned from the annual report item—as Sandra asked committee members to present numbers to commission on Monday.

**TASK:** Chair requested SHIP staff to email AHAC contact information for representative Renner to advocate for full Sadowski funding.

b. Sandra asked members to commit to seeing the representative in Tallahassee. Rick said he was going to Tallahassee.

c. Ralston reminded AHAC to consider Sunshine Laws when getting together to avoid discussing business outside public prevue.

6. Housing Advocacy Video and Forum—October 3rd at FCAR
a. Ralston commented on the video that will be screened at the Flagler County Realtor’s Association where there will be a panel of speakers and an interactive conversation about affordable housing. He noted that it is tentatively scheduled for October 3rd and that staff will send out an email to AHAC members at the date of the conversation gets closer, and Sandra said the coalition organizing this event will meet on Friday.

**TASK:** Sandra asked AHAC members each to invite five members to the Housing for All conversation.

7. Public Comments

Denise Calderwood mentioned the old hospital that has been constructed for the FCSO to be used for housing initiatives and said that there is grant funding available to remedy the building if everyone comes together and avoids working in silos. She mentioned other parcels she believes are prime for development and suggested Tim Telfer of Land management be on this committee.

Sandra addressed Ms. Calderwood, saying timing is always an issue, and that perhaps now is a time for people to come together to address these issues, especially if there is
specific funding that can remedy a building so it can be occupied. Sandra suggested vertical building to consider the space.

8. **Other Business: Disaster Housing Plan**
   a. Ralston asked if AHAC members to consider forming smaller committee to review the county’s disaster housing plan and to let him know if they are interested.

9. **Adjourn**

   A MOTION was made by Jay Roberts and SECONDED by Rick Belhumeur to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 am.

   MOTION carried unanimously.