

Alachua County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 – 1:00 PM
Grace Knight Conference Room
12 SE 1st St., Gainesville, Florida 32601

Minutes

Members Present: RD Bonnaghan (Chair), Daniel Jacobs (Vice-Chair), Marihelen Wheeler, Anne Ray, Robert Mermer, Julie Matheney, Gilbert Levy, and Janice Crews

Others Present: Claudia Tuck, Stephen Weeks, Candie Nixon, Cheryl McFadden Jeff Hayes, Gerald Brewington, Diana Johnson, and Leslie Hennis

Zoom: Mike Loizzo, Natalie Tajeddine, Mike Cooksey, and Kathleen Pagan

Members Absent: Kali Blount

This meeting was called to order by RD Bonnaghan at 1:00 PM

I. Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Approve agenda

Moved by: Marihelen Wheeler, second by Anne Ray

Action: Unanimously approved

II. Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2023

Motion: Approve the minutes

Moved by: Anne Ray; second by Marihelen Wheeler

Action: Approved with two changes.

a. RD Bonnaghan introduction should be, "Affiliated with non-profit local construction"

b. Anne Ray introduction should be, "Affiliated with the essential services"

III. Old Business:

- a. Local Housing Action Plan: Mr. Weeks went over the updated LHAP (2023-2026). LHAP is due to the state on May 1, 2023.

Motion: Approve to move LHAP to BoCC after correction.

Moved by: Daniel Jacobs; second by Marihelen Wheeler

Action: Unanimously approved with corrections

Correction: Change to 1% interest on page 13 and include 0-30% AMI and 30-60% AMI ranges.

- b. Community Engagement Plan: The Community Engagement Plan has been updated with AHAC recommendations and is being sent back to the Housing Finance Authority (HFA). The plan can always be updated with any new ideas. There are new updates to add the plan:

- i. County needs to advertise on social media.
- ii. Postal mail goes to the home address and not the parcel owner. This helps people who are living there if they are renters.

Motion: Approve to move Community Engagement Plan back to the HFA.

Moved by: Daniel Jacobs; second by Anne Ray

Action: Unanimously approved with advertise on social media and mailing notification updates.

IV. New Business:

a. Presentation: Cottage Neighborhoods

Cottage Neighborhoods was presented by Gerald Brewington, Senior Planner, Growth Management. An overview of what a cottage neighborhood looks like and examples of neighborhoods were provided. Ideas of how cottage neighborhoods could add affordable housing in Alachua County were discussed.

b. Inclusionary Housing:

Growth Management has completed the scope of work to be done and Florida Housing Coalition will perform the study. The focus of the study will be in unincorporated Alachua County, but inside the urban cluster.

c. Budget Inn: County is waiting for the state to release funds for the Budget Inn renovation project. The architect firm is waiting for us to send the contract once funds are received.

d. Escheated Properties:

County attorney and Housing are working on a methodology to distribute about twenty-six properties. Four of the properties have dwellings on them. Two homes are likely to be sold and two houses will likely be demolished and land offered to non-profits first.

Santa Fe College is looking for land near Hawthorne Highschool to create another branch and to offer students the opportunity to dual enroll.

V. Public Comments

None

VI. Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Grace Knight Conference Room

VII. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 by R.D. Bonnaghan.