

Alachua County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)
Wednesday, June 22, 2022 – 1:00 PM
Community Support Services, Conference Room D
218 SE 24th St., Gainesville, Florida 32641

Minutes

Members Present: Commissioner Anna Prizzia, RD Bonnaghan, and Kali Blount

Others Present: Stephen Weeks, Claudia Tuck, and Leslie Hennis

Members Absent: Dejeon Cain, Julie Matheney, Anne Ray, Patricia Abbitt,
and Jared Hart

This workshop meeting started at 1:05 PM (No Quorum)

Discussions:

- a. **Wild Space Public Places:** A new sales tax proposal -November elections
Use of public funds to purchase land, lower the cost of the property, and maintain affordable designation over time.
 - 50% of the money will go to lands and recreation facilities
 - 50% roads, public facilities, and workforce (30% to 50% AMI) housing
- b. **Growth Management:** Presentation on Inclusionary Zoning to the BoCC in July or August 2022
- c. **New Commissioner:** Florida Governor Ron DeSantis appointed Raemi Eagle-Glenn to the BoCC. Eagle-Glenn will be sworn in as a county commissioner on June 28, 2022.
- d. **LHAP:** Recommended staff changes: Forgiveness of SHIP mortgages after 15 years
- e. **Responsibilities of AHAC:**
Advisory committee to BoCC on housing and related issues including
 - IRR Plan (due in December)
 - LHAP
 - CDBG
 - SHIP
 - Possible expansion to include Housing Trust Fund
- f. **Current Projects and Activities:**
 1. **Copeland area:**
 - Health Department water quality test has revealed Escherichia coli (E. coli) in the well water.
 - Code Enforcement is addressing debris removal
 - Discussion of road repairs
 - General discussion related to ownership and heirs' property
 2. **Building Material Shortages:**
 - Impact of shortages on construction
 - Modular homes are going at a better price point than block construction due to improved built and energy efficiencies.
 3. **Affordable Housing Trust Activities:**
 - Energy efficiency plan
 - The new Renters Bill of Rights
 - Survey of housing providers

- SHIP funds can offset some costs. For example, SHIP funds can pay for Impact fees
- 4. **Development:** Pine Grove, received \$460,000 matching credit for a 97 units of family housing complex. The state gave HFA bond funds and we get 15 payments. Units are Affordable Housing for 30 years. 60% of the units have to be below 80% AMI. We can create additional criteria for Affordable Housing conditions.
- 5. **Department of Economic Opportunity CDBG-CV Grant for Budget Inn:**
 - County applied for and was awarded the grant \$4 million dollars to convert the Budget Hotel to a single room occupancy facility for the homeless.
 - Awaiting contract from the state.
 - Housing has already arranged for the second environmental study and architects are on board

g. Roundtable:

- Anne Ray- Committee member will consider stepping down to personal reasons that may conflict with attendance requirements. Ms. Ray is willing to participate by Zoom.

h. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 1:00 p.m.