

## **Alachua County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)**

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 – 1:00 PM

Grace Knight Conference Room  
12 SE 1st St, Gainesville, Florida

### **Minutes**

Members Present: RD Bonnaghan (Chair), Daniel Jacobs (Vice-Chair), Marihelen Wheeler, Anne Ray, Jancie Vinson, Bobby Mermer, Julie Matheney, Janice Crews, and Kali Blount.

Others Present: Stephen Weeks, Claudia Tuck, Candie Nixon, Betsy Riley, Cheryl McFadden,

Julian Ancion, Tom Allred and Diane Johnson

Zoom: Michael Cooksey and Satori Days

Members Absent: Gilbert Levy

This meeting was called to order by RD Bonnaghan 1:05pm

#### **I. Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Approve agenda with amendments.

Add discussion points to the agenda:

- Include vendor Welding to Recycle, i
- The Annual Work Plan, Joint County & City Joint Meeting, Affordable Housing Trust Plan and the Woodland Project 2.
- Correct spelling of NHDC Executive Director's name to Parchment

Moved by: Bobby Mermer, second by Janice Crews 1

Action: Unanimously approved

#### **II. Approval of May 17, 2023 Minutes**

Motion: Approve agenda

Moved by: Anne Ray, second by Bobby Mermer

Action: Unanimously approved

#### **III. Old Business**

A. Mr. Weeks, Housing Program Director, provided an update of the Budget Inn.

1. Once the fact that the building is being built on a slab was uncovered by the state, the Environmental Review was escalated to the next level. It was recommended that going forth, should work with the state to make sure future updates have the proper amount of description to prevent discrepancies.

2. Sent out Environmental review letters and should have responses back by the end of the 45-day timeframe.
- B. Escheated Properties
1. County Properties.
    - a. Housing staff became aware that two homes are currently occupied. Staff is working with the occupants to make an assessment. One occupant has made an offer to the County to purchase. Housing is working with County Attorney Office to develop a County Conveyance Policy.

#### **IV. New Business**

- A. Central Florida Community Action Agency
- Presentation of services provided
    - LIHEAP program; Payment of heating and cooling bills when it comes to extreme situation, also helps with beginning utility service.
    - RISE program: Help individuals to pursue economic independence and get employment that pays a living wage; Work with case manager to assess needs and goals (school and/or work).
    - CSBG funded
    - Aging in Place (AIP) program.
    - Weatherization Assistance (WAP) program.
- B. Neighborhood Housing Development
- Presentation of services provided
    - Currently provide services on helping to rehabilitate homes.
    - Goal/Mission Statement is to help people to understand all aspects of homeownership from purchasing to maintaining.
    - Wants to expand on what they do and are open to suggestion for new programs.
- C. From Welding to Recycle
- Presentation of services provided
    - Provided copies of the brochure to the members
    - Building houses from shipping containers
      - Showed building plans, architecture is available to be adjusted for one's housing needs
- D. Community Service Providers Presentations Recommendations for Upcoming AHAC Meetings
1. Limit presentations to one per meeting

E. Upcoming Agenda Items:

1. Housing Innovative Ideas

- a) Creating a separate roofing program introduced
- b) Developing a mobile home program
  - i. Original Ship Program doesn't include work on mobile home, but only for demolition
  - ii. This mobile home program would work on recently build mobile homes – homes built after 2010 – and complete the replacement program for older mobile homes

F. Meeting with Gainesville AHAC

- 1. The city AHAC wants to meet with the county AHAC, in efforts to unify both of them and their approaches to the community
  - a) Make sure there is a uniform approach to reduce confusion

**V. Public Comments - No Public Comments.**

**VI. Upcoming Meetings**

Next meeting on July 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Grace Knight Conference Room

**VII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm: by R.D. Bonnaghan, Chair