

Alachua County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)
Wednesday, November 15, 2023; 1:00 PM
Grace Knight Conference Room, 12 SE 1st Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32601

Minutes

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

Others Present: Patrick Miller, Julian Ancion, Lily Padgett, Thomas Allred, Candie Nixon, Margo Duval

Zoom:

Members Absent: Gilbert Levy

Meeting Called to order at 1:05 PM by Daniel Jacobs (Vice-Chair)

I. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion: approve agenda
- b. Moved by Marihelen Wheeler, seconded by Janice Crews
- c. Action: Unanimously approved

II. Approval of October 13, 2023 Minutes

- a. Motion: approve October 13, 2023 minutes
- b. Moved by Julie Matheney, seconded by Anne Ray
- c. Action: Unanimously approved

III. Old Business

a. Budget Inn

- i. The Environmental assessment was approved for publication by Florida Commerce
- ii. The 15-day notice was submitted to the Gainesville Sun and will be published Sunday November 19
 - 1. If no public comments are received, Florida Commerce can be contacted to release the funds beginning December 8
- iii. Budget inn has been boarded up and some individuals have been trespassed
 - 1. The Sheriff's Office and a security company are working to prevent future issues
- iv. At the November 14th Meeting, the BoCC approved the option contract to purchase the Scottish Inn adjacent to the Budget Inn
 - 1. Expecting to close mid-December

IV. New Business

- a. Infrastructure Sales Tax
 - i. BoCC approved a new Housing Credit Compliance Coordinator Position
 - 1. Position will address special projects under the Infrastructure Sales Tax
 - 2. Position will open for applications once job description is complete, but cannot be filled until after the December 12th BoCC meeting
- b. AHAC Board Appointments
 - i. Two applications were received for vacancies and will go before the BoCC at the December meeting
 - 1. It is expected they will both be selected, as they are not in competition
 - ii. AHAC is now an 11-member committee
- c. CDBG Closeout
 - i. BoCC approved final close out at last meeting
 - ii. In addition to closeout, AHAC discussed seeking BoCC approval to apply when new notice of funding is released.
- d. Harbor Cove Multi-Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds
 - i. Bonds in the amount of \$29 Million which will fund the renovation of 207 apartments at Harbor Cove
 - ii. BoCC has approved bonds and Housing staff has contacted bond counsel for next steps

V. Member Comments

- a. Carver Gardens
 - i. Interested in contacting Carver Gardens apartments to discuss some issues AHAC members and members of the public have noticed
- b. Shipping Container Homes at Grace Market Place
 - i. At the November meeting, BoCC heard a presentation about creating shipping container homes at Grace Market Place
 - 1. No funding source or commitment has been secured yet

VI. Public Comments

- a. No Public Comments

VII. Upcoming Meetings

- a. December 13, 2023 at 1:00 PM

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 2:04 PM by RD Bonnaghan (Chair)