

Annual Work Plan

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

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Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

- Meetings are held monthly, and administrative support is given by Housing Division, Community Support Services.
- Membership:
 - One who is actively engaged in the residential building industry.
 - One who is actively engaged in the banking or mortgage industry.
 - One who is actively engaged ad advocate for low-income person.
 - One who is a for-profit provider of affordable housing.
 - One who represents laborers actively engaged in residential affordable housing construction
 - One real estate professional.
 - One who serves on the local planning agency
 - A citizen who resides in Alachua County.
 - A citizen who represents employers in Alachua County
 - A citizen who represents essential services personnel, as defined in the LHAP.
 - Elected Official (currently County Commissioner)

Major Accomplishments (2023-2024)

- The FY began in October of 2023. The board was made up of 9 active members. Through efforts, the committee is currently composed of 11 active members and meetings now regularly have quorum.
- Reviewed and consulted on the Alachua County Affordable Housing Plan, which was eventually approved by BoCC.
- Held a joint meeting with City of Gainesville Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.
- Approved 2023 Incentives and Recommendations Report (IRR).
- Oversaw the hiring of Strategic Development Coordinator and Housing Programs Director.

Major Accomplishment (2023-2024)

- Reviewed Community Engagement related to housing projects and began the process of compiling committee recommendations. (Ongoing)
- Educated on topics related to housing and to the committee and its structure, including Sunshine Law, BoCC priorities regarding geographic parameters for affordable housing, past and/or active housing projects (Budget Inn, Harbor Cove, Dogwood Village, Woodland Park), and other relevant topics, including HFA funding and parameters, cottage neighborhoods, local nonprofit housing providers, and inclusionary housing.
- Offered feedback and suggestions regarding the pilot Alachua County Energy Efficiency Program and plan to meet with staff again prior to transitioning from the pilot to the full program.

Goals and Objectives (2024-2025)

- 1. Maintain an active board and officer structure that engages members, and the community at-large on housing issues.
- 2. Meet requirements the Committee was founded on.
- 3. Serve as a liaison between the community at-large by representative to consider any and all housing projects under consideration by the County.
- 4. Review housing plans, priorities, and policies with an eye toward promoting affordable, equitable housing across our community in alignment with current County plans and priorities.
- 5. Meet with the City's AHAC for a joint meeting.
- 6. Consider additional ways to engage the community.