

Alachua County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)
Thursday, August 08, 2019 – 5:30 PM
Department of Community Support Services
Thomas Coward Auditorium
218 SE 24th St., Gainesville, Florida 32641

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Dejeon Cain, Jared Hart, Anne L. Ray, McArthur Shelton Sr.

Others Present: James Shaw, Ardonna Ward

Members Absent: Tim Rockwell, Patricia Abbit, Julie Matheney
The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dejeon Cain, at 5:31 PM.

I. Approval of Agenda:

II. Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2019:

Mr. Cain moved to approve the minutes, motioned by Mr. Shelton, seconded by Ms. Ray, approved unanimously.

III. Introduction of Mr. Jared Hart (New Member)

Mr. Cain welcomed Mr. Hart. Mr. Hart gave a brief introduction of himself.

IV. Old Business:

None.

V. New Business:

a. IRR and Affordable Housing Meetings Comments:

Mr. Shaw discussed the public comments of the five affordable housing (IRR) meetings. He stated that public provided incentive ideas that were already in use, that they weren't aware of. Zero lot lines and cottage neighborhoods were discussed. Many developers requested incentives for impact fees.

Mr. Shelton asked what the incentives are for developers who want to build multiple affordable homes. Mr. Shaw advised that an idea that could be used is to waive impact fees for affordable housing developments.

Mr. Shaw stated that in the next month, staff will present the public comments to the BoCC. Advised that the board will decide which incentives to utilize.

Mr. Cain stated that he likes the idea of removing the impact fees for affordable housing projects.

b. Assets:

Mr. Shaw advised that assets won't be counted as income for SHIP programs. Mr. Cain and Mr. Shelton both agreed that it is better that assets aren't counted. Mr. Hart asked about the reasoning behind the decision to count/not count assets. Mr. Shelton, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Cain explained that the idea was discussed and tabled during a previous meeting and provided a summary of the discussion that previously transpired.

c. Meetings will continue to be scheduled as needed.

d. LHAP Review Reminder

Mr. Cain moved to not include impact fees and assets in the LHAP, motioned by Mr. Shelton, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved unanimously.

Mr. Shelton motioned that staff forward any information about how other communities are addressing affordable housing to the board, Seconded by Ms. Ray, approved unanimously.

Mr. Cain asked about partnering with the City of Gainesville and other groups to further affordable housing activities within Alachua County. Mr. Shaw advised that he will advise on outcomes of joint meetings between the City of Gainesville, Alachua County, and other providers.

Mr. Shaw provided details about the tentative ombudsman program with HUD-VASH.

Mr. Cain wanted to know how many people are being assisted in the City of Gainesville and how many are assisted in the County.

Mr. Shelton was concerned about deleting Disaster Assistance and other options from the LHAP. Mr. Shelton was concerned that future boards won't be aware of the options that were available in the past. Ms. Ray was also concerned with deleting options from the LHAP.

Mr. Shelton moved to keep the (assistance) category options the same in the LHAP, Mr. Hart seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Comments:

None.

VII. Chair's Comments:

Mr. Cain again welcomed Mr. Hart and thanked staff.

VIII. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 5:30 pm.