

MINUTES OF THE COLLIER COUNTY
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 3, 2020
8:30 A.M.
Naples, Florida

LET IT BE REMEMBERED that the Collier County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee met on this date at 8:30 A.M. in a *WORKING SESSION* in the Health Building 2nd Floor Conference Room in Naples, Florida, with the following Members present:

Present: Mary Waller
Litha Berger
Justin Emens
Denise Murphy
Jennifer Mitchell
Christina Apostolidis
Gary Hains

Unexcused:

Excused: Joseph Schmitt
Sheryl Soukup
John Cowan
Steve Hruby

ALSO PRESENT: Cormac Giblin, Manager, Housing & Grant Development – CHS
Kristi Sonntag, Director CHS
Susan Golden, Sr. Grants Coordinator - CHS
Hilary Halford, Sr. Grants Coordinator - CHS
Barbetta Hutchinson, Operations Coordinator - CHS

OTHERS PRESENT: Donald Pickworth and Mike Prioletti, CC Housing Finance; John Harney, Habitat; Katrina Lin, Clerk's Office; John Lerdahl, Gorman & Company.

1. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Steve Hruby, Denise Murphy motioned that Mary Waller act as Chair and run the meeting. Justin Emens seconded, and the group voted 7-0 in favor. Mary called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Litha Berger led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mary read the procedures to be followed.

2. ROLL CALL – COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

There were 7 active members present, therefore a quorum was established.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTE

- a. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Litha Berger and seconded by Justine Emens. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.
- b. A motion was made by Jennifer Mitchell to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 6, 2020 and seconded by Justin Emens. The motion was passed with a vote of 7-0.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Sean Callahan and Geoff Willig attended the meeting in the place of Nick Casalanguida to discuss the new Naples Sports Park and give the group an update of the AUIR. They showed a video of the AUIR process and explained that we need to be prepared for the growth that is expected in the next few years. They showed maps of the new sports complex and explained that growth is moving away from coastal areas and we need to prepare. The sports complex has 19 fields, a championship stadium and a large amphitheater that will include bars, food trucks, music and various types of shows. This sports park that will be professionally operated and not be manned by county staff. Also of note was that the Golden gate Golf Course is being considered of a golf and entertainment component as well to include affordable housing and a veteran's nursing home. This probably will go to the BCC next month. One of the members asked for the slides that were presented. Geoff said he will send them to Cormac to distribute to the group.
- b. Recent BCC actions:
 1. The RLSA Workshop was held. The meeting lasted all morning and the group discussed all of the changes over the past 20 years.
 2. Rivergrass was approved with a vote of 3 to 2 after many speakers were heard. The transportation staff and the developer have worked out the right-of-way issues. The developer will provide \$500,000 to the Community Foundation to ensure essential personnel housing is available for 12 years. The group thought the \$500,000 should have gone to the Housing Trust Fund.
 3. Comprehensive Growth Management Plan Amendments – the group discussed if there was any interest in looking at a public benefit policy for future Comp Plan Amendments. Litha Berger motioned to work on this as a project, Denise Murphy seconded and a vote of 7-0 was taken in favor of working on the project. Cormac will do some work on it and bring it to a future meeting.

- c. Grant Application Cycle – Applications are due into our office on February 10, 2020 by noon. There has been technical assistance given to about 30 organizations, ending up with about 38 individual applications. There is a total of \$11.5 million in requests with a \$80 million benefit. We only have less than \$3 million in available funding.
- d. The Quarterly Apartment Rental Listing was reviewed. As expected, availability has gone down in all categories since last quarter.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registered speakers.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. AHAC membership size and composition – Cormac has been working with the CAO who has determined that it would be less complicated to create an independent auxiliary group of 5-7 large employers who could meet quarterly to come up with ideas to address affordable housing. The Chamber does a survey every year regarding the number of employees, wage rates, where do they live, etc. Denise Murphy will talk to the Chamber and Jenifer Mitchell will speak to the League of Women Voters to see if they can work together to form a new group.
- b. Local Housing Trust Fund Discussion:
 - a. Susan Golden told the group that the Subcommittee met in January for their initial discussion. The members from the AHAC on the subcommittee are Mary Waller, Sheryl Soukup, Litha Berger and Mike Prioletti from CCFA.
 - b. Don Pickworth and Mike Prioletti from the Collier County Finance Authority told the group that their organization can help issue tax exempt bonds for multi-family housing. They currently don't see many applications.
 - c. The sub-committee will meet on February 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. and March 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Susan will send out a memo with the dates to the subcommittee members. In May they will bring recommendations to the AHAC of possible funding sources. The recommendations will go to the BCC in June.

7. STAFF AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

- a. The grant application cycle closes on February 10, 2020. The review and rank committee will be hearing from us regarding upcoming meetings.

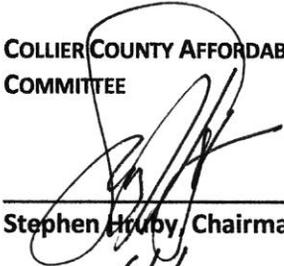
8. ADJOURN

- a. There being no further business for the good of the County, Litha Berger motioned to adjourn the meeting; Denise Murphy seconded, and the group agreed with a vote of 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD MARCH 2, 2020 AT 8:30 A.M.

Location: 5th Floor Training Room, Administration (Building F) located at 3299 Tamiami Trail East.

**COLLIER COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**



Stephen Hurby, Chairman

The foregoing Minutes were approved by Committee Chair on 6/1/20, 2020, "as submitted" OR "as amended" .