

MINUTES REPORT
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AHAC)
August 12, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marion Briggs, Chair
Matthew P. Vissagio, Vice-Chair
Charles “Steve” Wood
Al J. Giacalone III
Shawn Williams
Jill Morrissey
Michael Wukitsch

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kenneth Jenkins
Henry “Hank” Zuba

STAFF PRESENT

Mikki Rozdolski, Planning Manager
Sharon Jenkins-Owen, Principal Planner
Brandon Dunn, Principal Planner
Angela Dietrich, Technician I

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC/INTERESTED PARTIES

Alfred DeMott, III, Once a Month Charity

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order/Review of Affidavit of Publication/

Ms. Marion Briggs brought the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. in the Public Works/ Community Development Building, 1st Floor Conference Room, Downtown, Fort Myers.

Ms. Angela Dietrich, stated that the Affidavit of Publication had been reviewed by the County Attorney’s office, was sufficient as to form and content and the meeting could proceed.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2019

Mr. Shawn Williams made a motion to approve the minutes with the following change:

2. 420.9076(4)(b): It is recommended that a program be instituted to defer payment of impact fees through issuance of a loan, with a lien, that is forgiven within an established timeframe. If the unit is sold prior to the set timeframe, the loan is reduced on a graduated basis depending on the number of years since issuance. The equity benefit provided in such a program is ultimately borne by the income eligible household that purchases the home.

It is recommended that revenue from the Housing Trust fund, general revenue, or SHIP funds be used to source the loan. A claw back or recapture mechanism should also be put in place to ensure funds are collected in the event a homeowner sells the property prior to meeting the established timeframe. Mr. Matt Vissagio 2nd the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs introduced the new committee member Ms. Jill Morrissey. Ms. Morrissey is with FineMark National Bank & Trust and she handles the Community Reinvestment Act, which focuses on finding ways to help with affordable housing and economic development.

Agenda Item 3– 2019/20/20 Grant Funding Cycle

Ms. Dietrich gave the committee members and public an overview of the SHIP 2019/2020 cycle. Lee County received \$663,318 for FY 2019/2020. The SHIP application deadline is September 6, 2019. Once all applications are received, the applications will be reviewed, scored and ranked. Staff will be presenting the rankings/recommendations at the next Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Review Draft 2020-2023 Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP)

Ms. Sharon Jenkins-Owen provided an overview of the changes that were made to the LHAP.

Mr. Williams asked that his additional language for item (2) 420.9076(4)(b) be added to the incentives in the LHAP.

Mr. Williams made a motion to table the approval of the LHAP to the next meeting, so that the committee has time to review the LHAP. Mr. Al Giacalone, III 2nd the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Brigg introduced Mr. Alfred DeMott. Mr. DeMott is from Palm Beach, Florida and operates Once a Month Charity. Once a Month Charity is a non-profit organization that helps Veterans and single parent families and related organizations. Mr. DeMott handed out an overview (copy attached) of his Affordable Housing Program to the committee members and staff.

Agenda Item 5 – Adjournment / Next Meeting Date

Ms. Briggs asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Williams made the motion. Mr. Vissagio 2nd the motion the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2019 – 1500 Monroe Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Fort Myers, FL. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

A recording of this meeting is available. Please contact Angela Dietrich at 239-533-8389 or adietrich@leegov.com to obtain a copy of the recording.