**MINUTES REPORT**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AHAC)**

**October 9, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**:

Shawn Williams, Chair

Ramie Hall, Vice-Chair

Jill Morrissey

Claudia Perfect

Melisa Giovannelli

Steve Woods

Carl Baxter, Jr.

Commissioner Ray Sandelli

Henry Zuba

Remegio (Terry) Serrata

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Armando Jorge

Marion Briggs

Steve Woods

Carl Baxter, Jr.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jeannie Sutton, Director, Strategic Resources & Government Affairs

Carla Platter, Department of Human and Veteran Services

Angela Dietrich, SHIP Coordinator

Tracy Toussaint, SHIP Admin

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC/INTERESTED PARTIES**

Tanya Soholt, Habitat for Humanity

Lois Healy, Affordable Homeownership Foundation

Joe Gallagher, Iona House Corp.

Marcus Goodman, Lee County Housing Authority

Chris Reesor, Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay

Marcia Davis, HACFM

Jessica Turner, Regional Housing Coalition

Fawn Estes, Avantgarde the Building Group

Therese Every, CASL

Candy Dyckman, Moorings Park

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

Mr. Shawn Williams brought the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. in the Community Development – Public Works Building, 1500 Monroe Street, First Floor Conference Room 1B, Downtown, Fort Myers.

Mr. Williams asked for a motion to switch the order of the agenda to move the Overview of Affordable Hosing immediately after the Call to Order.

Mr. Zuba made a motion to change the order of the agenda, Commissioner Sandelli 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 2– Overview of Affordable Housing**

Jeannie Sutton gave an overview of the CDBG-DR Funds. Funds are to assist with Affordable Housing, Development and Rehab for Low Income Families.

Action Plan was submitted to HUD on 9/19/2023. Expecting an approved Action Plan by the end of the calendar year. They will then have to complete the policies and procedures and will be able to launch programs in early 2024. The programs that will be available are Housing Development & Preservation, Individual Housing Rehab, Home Purchase Assistance and Voluntary Residential Buyouts. The amount of funds that are available for development are $350 Million for multi-family, $50 Million for Single Family, Individuals that income qualify there will be $175 Million available, Home Purchase assistance $10 Million available and for Voluntary Residential Buyouts there is $75 Million available. All programs are available for Lee County Residents whether they live in incorporated and unincorporated Lee County. Information can be found at [Leegov.com/recovery/CDBG-DR](DRAFT%2010-9-2023%20MINUTES.docx)

To reach out to the team they can be reached at [recovery@leegov.com](mailto:recovery@leegov.com)

Carla Platter, Department of Human & Veteran Services stated that they are working on contracts with CASL (72 Units), Boys & Girls Club and Pine Manor for updates to security fencing.

Angela Dietrich, SHIP Coordinator stated that outside of SHIP we received $18,913,000.00 for Housing Hurricane Recovery which was allocated out to Non-Profits for Downpayment Assistance, Owner Occupied Rehab and New Construction. $2 Million was allocated in house for the Hurricane Insurance Deductible Reimbursement Program. We did receive SHIP funds in the amount of $5,702,000.00. We have gone through the application process, but the funds have not yet been allocated.

**Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2022**

Ms. Claudia Perfect made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Henry Zuba 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4 – Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Mr. Zuba made a motion to nominate Mr. Williams for Chair. Ms. Melisa Giovannelli 2nd the motion.

Mr. Williams declined the nomination as he will no longer be a Lee County Resident. He stated that he resigned.

Ms. Jill Morrissey made a motion to nominate Ms. Ramie Hall as the Chair. Ms. Melisa Giovannelli 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shawn Wiliams made a motion to nominate Mr. Henry Zuba for Vice-Chair. Ms. Melisa Giovannelli 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 5 – 2023/2024 Incentive Report**

Mr. Henry Zuba made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 Incentive Report with the recommendation that Lee County Commissioners explore the deferral of impact fees.

Mr. Shawn Williams 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 6– Adjournment**

Mr. Zuba made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Giovannelli 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

**A recording of this meeting is available. Please contact Tracy Toussaint at 239-533-8949 or** [**ttoussaint@leegov.com**](mailto:ttoussaint@leegov.com) **to obtain a copy of the recording.**