



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Minutes

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

6:00 PM

Room 150A

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mike Williams arrived at 6:17 p.m.

Present: 7 - Chair Ruben Colon
Vice Chair Eric James
Member Jodi Pena-Castaldi
Member Wesley Kihlmire
Member Michael Ruggieri
Member Patricia Ulicny-Hoback
Member Michael E. Williams

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA:

4. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

A. Introductions - New and Returning AHAC Members and Staff.

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) members and staff introduced themselves.

5. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of Officers - Committee Chair and Vice-Chairperson.

Motion by Patricia Ulicny-Hoback, seconded by Jodi Pena-Castaldi to nominate Ruben Colon as Chairman. The Motion carried by the

following vote.

For: 6 - Member Pena-Castaldi, Chair Colon, Vice Chair James, Member Kihlmire, Member Ulicny-Hoback and Member Ruggieri

Motion by Wesley Kihlmire, seconded by Jodi Pena-Castaldi to nominate Eric James as Vice Chairman. The Motion carried by the following vote.

For: 7 - Member Pena-Castaldi, Chair Colon, Vice Chair James, Member Kihlmire, Member Ulicny-Hoback, Member Williams and Member Ruggieri

Chairman Colon asked the AHAC members and staff to give a brief background of themselves. City Manager Shang entered the meeting at this time and participated as well.

Chairman Colon and Member Williams asked about the remaining AHAC member seats and if additional members could be added at this time. City staff replied they would look into this and let the AHAC members know as soon as possible.

B. Set Meeting Time and Place.

Chairman Colon deferred setting the meeting date and time to the end of the meeting.

C. AHAC Bylaws.

Mr. Paradise presented the AHAC By-Laws.

D. 2015 Sunshine & Public Records Overview.

Mr. Paradise gave a summary of the Sunshine Laws and explained to the members that after reviewing the documentation presented to them that if they have any questions to please send an email to Mrs. Brooke, who in turn will then forward their questions to the City Attorney.

Member Williams asked for examples of violations to the Sunshine Laws to which Mr. Paradise complied with several scenarios. Mrs. Brooke suggested that he further review the documentation and submit any questions he may have to her via email so they may be forwarded to the City Attorney for clarification.

Members also received the presentations via email prior to the AHAC meeting for review.

E. 2015 Sunshine Law Overview.

Mr. Paradise presented the members with a brief summary. Members also received the presentations via email prior to the AHAC meeting for review.

F. 2015 Scope of the Sunshine Law.

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G. LHAP Revision 2013-2016 with exhibits Approved by Florida Housing Corp.

The Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) was presented by Mr. Paradise with discussions between members and questions directed to staff about the different programs, elements and ways there may be to help the residents.

The members had previously been supplied a copy of the LHAP via email for review prior to the meeting. Mr. Paradise has solicited the members to submit their comments and questions by February 16, 2016 so staff will have time to ready their responses by the next meeting.

Chairman Colon has requested a reminder to be sent to the members seven (7) days out from comment submittal date for the LHAP.

Chairman Colon and members would like to hold a Fair Housing Event. Chairman Colon asked City Manager Shang her thoughts on this. She explained that first there are tasks at hand and the priority of City staff is to make sure the deadlines are met. If the AHAC members would like to hold an event on their own maybe they can work with an entity that puts on such events and to remember they must be mindful of the Sunshine Laws.

Chairman Colon asked the AHAC members if they would be interested in learning more about homelessness. Member Pena-Castaldi asked if homelessness could be addressed in the LHAP.

Mr. Paradise relayed to the AHAC members that a copy of the City's Strategic Plan would be sent to them for their review if they would be interested.

8. STAFF COMMENTS:

Ms. Briggs thanked the board members for coming and stated lets all work together to do some good for the City.

Mr. Paradise thanked the board members for coming.

9. BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Member Williams stated perception of the homeless by society needs change.

Member Ulicny-Hoback stated this has been an eye opening and constructive meeting and she believes we are moving forward in the right direction.

Member Pena-Castaldi stated this was a very productive meeting. Affordable housing is a passion and she commend the City for doing all that they do with what they have.

Vice Chairman James stated this was a very productive meeting everyone. He would like to have further conversations on Affordable Housing and especially when it comes to homelessness.

Chairman Colon stated he would like to thank everyone for coming out tonight. He has committed this year to not only work on this but, to make a difference for our neighbors and that the board will work hard on a lot of the things that were discussed. He stated he believes, this board is very committed to our neighbors. He once again asked City staff to send out a reminder for the February 16th comments submission date and the event in April for the Board of Realtors. He stated March 1st and the 15th is the next meeting dates, if need be they can be changed.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Ruben Colon, Chairman

ATTEST:

Denise Brooke, Board Secretary