



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Minutes

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

6:00 PM

Room 150A

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Also present: Ron Paradise, Planning and Development Services; Angelia Briggs, Community Development; Mari Leisen, Community Development; and Denise Brooke, Community Development.

Present: 8 - Chair Ruben Colon
Vice Chair Eric James
Member Carlos Gavilanes
Member Wesley Kihlmire
Member Jodi Pena-Castaldi
Member Eric Strano
Member Michael E. Williams
Member Michael Putkowski

Excused: 3 - Member Hammond Daniels
Member Michael Ruggieri
Member Patricia Ulichny-Hoback

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA:

A. Minutes of July 19, 2016.

Motion by Wesley Kihlmire, seconded by Eric James to approve minutes for July 19, 2016. The motion carried by the following vote.

For: 8 - Chair Colon, Vice Chair James, Member Gavilanes, Member Kihlmire, Member Pena-Castaldi, Member Strano, Member Williams and Member Putkowski

4. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

5. PUBLIC FORUM:

6. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Colon asked when will they have another Social Services Summit. Mr. Paradise asked if it could be discussed during staff comments.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Local Housing Assistance Plan Amendment support documentation.

Mr. Paradise explained the issues first time home buyers are encountering when applying for the SHIP Down Payment Assistance Program, (DPA). The housing department is seeing more and more home buyers that are unable to purchase a home with the current income limits and home prices. Mr. Paradise and staff have suggested proposed changes to the LHAP that may alleviate these issues. Staff suggests down payment amounts be increased for the program as shown in the supporting documentation. Discussion ensued between staff and Board members before taking a vote.

Motion by Jodi Pena Castaldi, seconded by Eric James to approve increased amounts for the down payment assistance program. The motion carried by the following vote.

For: 8 - Chair Colon, Vice Chair James, Member Gavilanes, Member Kihlmire, Member Pena-Castaldi, Member Strano, Member Williams and Member Putkowski

B. Deltona LHAP 2017-2019 underlined strike through format.

Mr. Paradise gave a summary on the issues current home owners are facing when applying for the Home Owner Occupied Repair Program. For homeowners much needed repairs on their homes cannot be completed due to the program insurance requirement. Mr. Paradise and staff have suggested a proposed change to the LHAP that may alleviate these issues. Staff suggests the insurance requirement to be removed for the program as shown in the supporting documentation. Discussion ensued between staff and Board members before taking a vote.

Motion by Michael Putkowski, seconded by Eric James to approve the removal of the insurance requirement for the home owner occupied home repair program. The motion carried by the following vote.

For: 8 - Chair Colon, Vice Chair James, Member Gavilanes, Member Kihlmire, Member Pena-Castaldi, Member Strano, Member Williams and Member Putkowski

8. STAFF COMMENTS:

During staff comments staff member Leisen asked for everyones participation regarding

our legislators and making it known to them the importance of the State Housing Initiative Partnership program, (SHIP) to our community. If interested, there will be a new list of legislators coming out with contact information and it will be forwarded to everyone.

9. BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS:

During Board Comments, questions and answers on various items between Board members and staff were discussed. Starting with, when the next Social Services Summit would be, to which staff replied that they will be held quarterly starting in December. Discussion ensued on how to best assist the Social Services Agencies with grants, funding, leveraging, etc. and how this will be done to best serve the community. The question on homelessness was put forth and what is being done was discussed between members. Some Board members explained that the Continuum of Care and the use of HMIS are very important to getting the help where it is needed. Some Board members suggested they have contacts within the community and would like to see if they would be willing to participate with Social Services. Habitat for Humanity was discussed. When all discussions were completed Chair Colon called for Board member comments.

Member Kihlmire stated he liked what they are doing here and cannot wait to see the end results.

Member Putkowski likes the headway taking place with Social Services.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

Ruben Colon, Chairman

ATTEST:

Denise Brooke, Board Secretary