

Minutes
Volusia County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Public Hearing
Hope Place Cafeteria, 1340 Wright St., Daytona Beach
Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members

Anne B. Evans, Chair
D.J. Lebo, Vice-Chair
Waylan Niece, Secretary
Mark Billings
Tony Cassata
Allen E. Harrell
Margaret Peggie Hart
Susanne I. Odena
Billie Wheeler

Staff

Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director
Corry Brown, Housing Projects Coordinator
Andrea Kerr, Assistant County Attorney

Call to order: Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Corry Brown called the roll. D.J. Lebo was not present at the time of roll call, but joined the meeting at 2:06 p.m. There was a physical quorum.

Item 2 –Affordable Housing Incentive Strategies

Chair Evans explained the purpose of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) and asked each committee member to introduce themselves.

The Chair explained the recommendations that the AHAC was making on the two strategies of the Affordable Housing Incentive Report that are required to be reviewed by state statute. She noted that two recommendations were made on Strategy A regarding expedited permitting which focused on creating and distributing a communication plan on the affordable housing process, including applicable maps. She explained that three recommendations were made by the AHAC on Strategy I regarding the adoption of policies that could increase the cost of housing: the regulatory review process should continue to be implemented to identify actions that could affect the cost of living while also looking for eco-friendly, cost-effective alternative materials and methods and to provide a report on the implementation of the process triennially to the AHAC.

A member of the public asked about the housing programs we were discussing. Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director, described the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program and the governing statute.

The Chair discussed the optional strategies reviewed by AHAC this year. She explained that Strategy E regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) has a recommendation to support Ordinance 2021-14 which supported defined accessory dwelling unit as a detached unit requiring a kitchen but not a garage. She noted a revision from the proposed

report given to the AHAC, the report needed to state that the unit would not require payment of a utility impact fee rather than just no impact fee. The Chair explained the AHAC's recommendations made for Strategy G regarding flexible lot configurations, both relate to the flexibility of zoning and lot sizes.

Allen Harrell made a motion to approve the 2021 Affordable Housing Incentive Report with the mentioned correction to page nine. Sue Odena seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Item 1 – Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Waylan Niece to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Peggie Hart and passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Affordable Housing Initiative Subcommittees

The Chair explained the purpose and organization of three Affordable Housing Affinity Groups. She explained that after the Affordable Housing Summit, applications would be accepted for those that wish to serve on the committees that would work on three different subjects for the Affordable Housing Plan. She noted that the groups would be chaired by the officers of the AHAC and would be related to Land Development Regulations, Community Land Trust, and Funding. The AHAC discussed ideas for organizations that should be included in the process.

Discussion by board members of matters not on the agenda

The board talked at length with a member of the public that had an issue with porting a Housing Choice Voucher.

Items for staff discussion

Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Director gave an update on the county's upcoming Affordable Housing Summit.

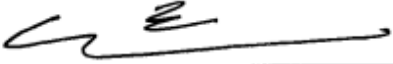
Corry Brown, Special Projects Coordinator, asked the board to consider an alternate meeting date for their next meeting as the current schedule of December 8, 2021 is only one day after the summit. The AHAC asked her to schedule the December meeting by email.

Corry Brown read a comment received from a member of the public virtually. The resident was asking if someone building their own home is eligible for the incentives mentioned during Item 2. The board discussed and clarified that the incentives apply to housing identified as affordable, asking staff to follow up as needed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Accepted by:


Waylan Niece, Secretary

10-12-22
Date


Anne Evans, Chair

4-12-23
Date