

## MINUTES - Proposed

County of Volusia  
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee  
Thursday, February 26, 2009 3:00pm  
The Center for Business Excellence  
329 Bill France Blvd.  
Daytona Beach, Fl. 32120

Committee Members Present	Committee Members Absent	Staff Present
Frank Severino, Chair	Janet Bellows	Edward Jasper, Director, Community Assistance Division
Richard Fraser, Vice Chair	Richard Vincik	Diana Phillips, Manager, Housing & Grant Administration
Michelina Bowman	Rosemary Walker	Paula Szabo, Housing & Grants Planner
William Hansard		
Tadd Kasbeer		
Deborah Michaud		
MaryEllen Osterndorf		
Sara Truhlar		

The meeting of the Volusia County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Frank Severino, Chair. Paula Szabo called the roll and a quorum was present.

### **Item 1- Approval of the minutes of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee**

The minutes of the meeting of January 15, 2009 were recommended for approval by motion of Rick Fraser and seconded by Tadd Kasbeer, and approved by unanimous vote.

### **Item 3 - Discussion of strategies to inform the public and the development community of affordable housing services and the role of the AHAC**

The Chair stated that discussion on Item 2 would be postponed until Edward Jasper's arrival. He opened the discussion to Item 3 and asked the committee if they had been able to come up with ideas or drafts on a brochure to share with the committee. Sara Truhlar discussed the brochure from Palm Beach County as an example of the type of brochure that could be easily put together. Copies were distributed to the committee and reviewed for overall format. (attached) It was agreed that the development of a brochure would be tabled until the County Council provided further direction to the committee.

Paula Szabo informed the committee that the AHAC now has a more visible place on the County's website. She distributed a photocopy of the AHAC webpage (attached) for review and discussion. The AHAC will also have a link developed from the Community Assistance Division and Growth and Resource Management Department webpages.

Discussion ensued on the role of the committee as educators versus advocates for affordable housing incentives, and that the committee works at the pleasure of the County Council. The committee also discussed holding seminars and other vehicles to promote understanding of the affordable housing incentives.

**Item 2 – Review of presentation to County Council on January 22, 2009 and action by the Volusia County Council of the Affordable Housing Incentive Strategies Recommendation Report on February 19, 2009**

The Chair opened the floor to discussion, and asked Ed Jasper to advise the committee of the status of County Council action on the incentive strategy recommendations. Ed Jasper stated that the County Council voted on February 19<sup>th</sup> to adopt strategy A (expedited permitting process) and strategy I (process for intergovernmental review of actions related to the cost to housing). These strategies will be included as an amendment to the county's local housing assistance plan (LHAP), to be formally adopted by County Council via resolution at a later meeting. The amended LHAP will be sent to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for review and approval. The Council did not take any action on the other strategies recommended by the AHAC, but have requested that a workshop be scheduled to discuss further and address some concerns raised by County Council. It is the responsibility of the County Manager's staff to schedule workshops of this nature.

The Chair noted that the County Council had adopted strategies A and I, as a whole as proposed by the committee, which is a very positive step forward. Sara Truhlar expressed disappointment that the County Council did not take further action on the other strategies. Ed Jasper cautioned the committee members against adopting an adversarial position. He also recommended that further action by the committee should be postponed until the County Council provided direction to the AHAC at the workshop or otherwise.

**Item 4 – Discussion of strategies to promote inter-local coordination with cities concerning affordable housing**

The Chair opened the floor to discussion. The committee discussed the work of the other affordable housing advisory committees for the cities of Daytona Beach, Deltona and Port Orange. Greg Blose, on behalf of the Volusia Home Builder's Association, commented that he had copies of the AHAC reports for the cities, and could provide to the committee for their review. The Chair asked Greg Blose to provide the reports to staff, and they would distribute to the committee for review and discussion at the next meeting. Tadd Kasbeer stated that it would also be a good idea to coordinate with other cities in Volusia County that receive SHIP and other grant funding through Volusia County.

**Discussion by committee members of matters not on the agenda.** There were no items discussed.

**Items for staff discussion.** There were no items for staff discussion.

**Public Participation.** There was no public participation other than as noted in Agenda Item 4 above.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.