



Community Land Trust Affinity Group Minutes

3825 Tiger Bay Road, Daytona Beach, FL 32127

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Members

Anne Evans - Chair
Jason Ware – Co-chair
Amaya Albury
Christopher Edwards

Phyllis Evelyn
Lisa Hamilton
Randy Hartman
Nika Hosseini

Kerry Karl
Susanne Kennedy
John Nicholson

Call to Order

Anne Evans, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Roll Call

The members of the group provided brief introductions. Susanne Kennedy was absent at the time of the roll call and joined the meeting at 3:24 p.m. John Nicholson was absent at the time of the roll and joined the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Welcome

Dona Butler, Community Services Director, provided a building overview and discussed the safety protocols at the Emergency Operations Center.

Public Participation

There were two members of the public attending in person.

Legal Review of Sunshine

Andrea Kerr, Assistant County Attorney, provided an explanation on the Sunshine Law. The Sunshine Law requires the affinity group to make information accessible to the public. Ms. Kerr informed members they cannot discuss board related topics outside of boards meetings

Election of Co-Chair

Anne Evans asked if anyone would be interested in serving as a Co-Chair for the Community Land Trust Affinity Group. Jason Ware volunteered to serve as Co-Chair. Randy Hartman made a motion to appoint Mr. Ware as the Co-Chair and the motion was seconded by Phyllis Evelyn. The motioned carried unanimously.

Presentation and Discussion

Dona Butler presented the objectives and timeline for the group. She reviewed what had already occurred through the affordable housing initiative, and explained that the objective of this group is to use the data and tools provided to develop strategies and

priorities for an affordable housing plan that will bridge the gap of affordable housing. She stated that the recommendations from the group would be captured in a draft affordable housing plan for the review of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, and ultimately for the approval of the Volusia County Council. Ms. Butler explained the different approaches to starting a Community Land Trust or having a Community Land Trust operate in Volusia County.

Anne Evans stated that the problem had already been identified and that it appeared that everyone agreed that a Community Land Trust is a good idea. Discussion ensued between group members regarding the vision of the group and how they could get where they want to be.

Nika Hosseini made a motion to establish a Community Land Trust in Volusia County. The motion was seconded by Amaya Albury and passed unanimously. Carrie Baird, Executive Director of One Voice for Volusia, facilitated a brainstorming exercise throughout the meeting noting the ideas, concerns and directions from the group members on flip charts.

The members discussed the differences in joining an existing Community Land Trust organization versus creating a new Community Land Trust, discussing concerns with control and capacity. Randy Hartman made a motion to join an existing Community Land Trust. The motion was seconded by Phyllis Evelyn. Mr. Hartman withdrew the motion. A motion was made by Kerry Karl to develop a Request for Qualifications to create a Community Land Trust in Volusia County. The motion was seconded by Nika Hosseini and passed unanimously.

The members discussed how to measure success. Ms. Butler stated that money and available land would dictate actual accomplishments. Discussion ensued relating to the need to communicate with other municipalities about the Community Land Trust strategy. The board discussed having a goal of the number of local governments that would participate in the Community Land Trust. The group discussed possible vision statements prior to looking at specific goals. A motion was made by Nika Hosseini to adopt "Create long-term affordable housing in perpetuity and in partnership with local governments and the private sector through the establishment of a vibrant CLT" as the group's vision. The motion was seconded by Christopher Edwards and passed unanimously.

The board discussed preparing a draft solicitation for a Community Land Trust. Ms. Butler mentioned that staff and the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee had drafted a solicitation scope previously. The board decided that they would review the previous draft prior to the meeting, along with thinking about possible measures of success to discuss. Staff was asked to distribute the current list of county owned lands suitable for affordable housing to the group.

Adjournment

Nika Hosseini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jason Ware and passed unanimously.