

**MINUTES OF THE COLLIER COUNTY
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

March 28, 2016
Naples, Florida

LET IT BE REMEMBERED that the Collier County Affordable Housing Advisory

Committee met on this date at 8:00 AM in a *NON-WORKING SESSION* at 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Building F, 2nd Floor, County Manager's Conference Room, Naples, Florida, with the following Members present:

Present: Steve Hruby, Chair
John Cowan
Litha Berger
Mark Strain
Dr. Carlos Portu
Taylor McLaughlin
Christina Apostolidis
Denise Murphy
Joseph Schmitt

Absent:

Excused: Kristi Bartlett

ALSO PRESENT: Kim Grant, Director – Community and Human Services
Barbetta Hutchinson, Operations Coordinator – CHS
Jason Rummer – Operations Analyst – Public Services

Public PRESENT: Rene Givens, Hunger Homeless Coalition
Barbara Melvin, First Florida Integrity Bank
Mary Waller, NABOR

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hruby called the meeting to order at 8:07 am. Mr. Hruby read the procedures to be observed during the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL – COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

With nine members in attendance a quorum was established. Kristi Bartlett was excused.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Approval of today’s agenda. Kim asked that item 4b moved to 6b. John Cowan moved to approve the agenda as changed, Carlos Portu seconded. There was a vote of 9-0 to approve.

B. Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2015. John Cowan motioned to approve and Litha Berger seconded. The vote was 9-0 to approve.

C. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2016. John Cowan motioned to approve and Taylor McLaughlin seconded. The vote was 9-0 to approve.

D. Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2016. John Cowan motioned to approve and Denise Murphy seconded. The vote was 9-0 to approve.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Steve Hruby welcomed new members Christina Apostolidis, Carlos Portu and Denise Murphy to the committee.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No members of the public registered to speak.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Mark Strain nominated Taylor McLaughlin for the open position of Vice-Chair and Litha Berger seconded. Taylor agreed to the nomination and the vote was 8-0 to accept the appointment.

B. Kristi Sonntag reviewed the LHAP with the group. She said that the LHAP states how we should spend State money and we have 3 years to spend each grant. We have an interlocal agreement with the City of Naples as well as working with the Florida Housing Coalition who oversees the expenditure of the funds. Group members asked questions as Kristi went through the document. Mark Strain asked about “essential building trade personnel” and Kristi said it was consistent with the “Lord’s Way” agreement. Mobile homes were addressed as affordable and Kristi said the problem was that most people don’t own the land. Taylor added that it is most likely that the owner would not get a loan for the purchase. Kristi also said that the mobile homes are eligible for rehabilitation if they are permanently affixed and the home owner also owns the land. Carlos Portu asked how we determine what repairs should be made to homes when the applications for rehab are submitted. Kim said the requests must be reasonable and necessary for health and safety.

The group accepted the LHAP. They also agreed that Affordable Housing cannot be met through this plan alone. There needs to be more financial resources and complete community involvement.

- C. The group discussed having the regular meetings on a day other than Monday because Kristi Bartlett cannot attend. It was decided to move the meetings to Fridays.
- D. Kim asked the group for members to take part on the SHIP Application Review Committee and Christine Apostolidis, Carlos Portu and Mary Waller volunteered. Our Grant Coordinator, Raynesha Hudnell will send out additional information to those who volunteered.
- E. Due to discussion at the Housing Workshop regarding community involvement, we will be working on the establishment of a Steering Committee for the Housing Plan development. An RFP is going out to bring in a consultant who knows about affordable housing, programs that have been implemented in other parts of the country and will facilitate determining exactly what we need in Collier County. A lot of data has been collected and we need to have someone who understands the project. The Marco Island Trust Fund remaining funds will be recommended to fund paying for the consultant. We hope to have proposals from prospective consultants/partners by the end of the summer. Kim told the group she will send links out to plans that other communities have implemented.
- F. Consideration of Ms. Mary Waller for membership to the AHAC.

The committee reviewed the application for Ms. Waller and found it was not able to accept her application as the only available position is "labor engaged in home building" and Ms. Waller does not have this experience. Her application will be retained for a time when there is a vacancy.

- G. Consideration of Ms. Barbara Melvin for membership to the AHAC.

The committee reviewed the application for Ms. Melvin and found it was not able to accept her application as the only available position is "labor engaged in home building" and Ms. Melvin does not have this experience. Her application will be retained for a time when there is a vacancy.

NOTE: Mr. Schmitt volunteered to move to his classification from labor engaged in home building so that one of these women could be added to the committee and Ms. Grant said she will talk to the County Attorney regarding this request.

- H. Kim asked the group for a volunteer to replace Litha Berger on the Ranking and Review Committee for the FY16-17 HUD Entitlement Cycle. Taylor McLaughlin volunteered and the group unanimously approved.

7. COMMENTS – STAFF/COMMITTEE MEMBER

There were no additional staff or committee comments.

8. ADJOURN

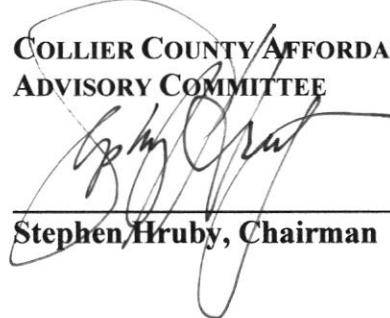
There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m. Motioned by Steve Hruby and seconded by Taylor McLaughlin.

NEXT MEETING:

Meeting: April 25, 2016; 8:00am to 11:00am.

Location: 5th Floor Training Room, Administration (Building F) located at 3299 Tamiami Trail East.

**COLLIER COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



Stephen Hruby, Chairman

The foregoing Minutes were approved by Committee Chair on _____, 2016,
“as submitted” **OR** “as amended” .