

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA CONFERENCE ROOM**

January 13, 2009
11:30 AM

Members Present: Judith Kovisars, Chairman
 Kenneth Goodwin, Vice Chairman
 Kathy Hazelwood
 Cynthia Smith
 Taylor Kessel
 Gary McBride
 Pastor Billy Newton
 Richard Hornsby
 Mi Hoshino
 Ayme Smith

Members Absent: Mark Tellam

Staff Present: Frances DeJesus, Program Manager
 Tamaya Huff, Planner II
 Diana McCallister, Administrative Specialist

Guests Present: Michelle Walters, Laguna Homes

Judith Kovisars, Chair, called the meeting to order with a quorum at 11:35 a.m.

Kenneth Goodwin made a Motion to accept the November 17, 2008 minutes, Gary McBride seconded the Motion; Motion passed.

The following handouts were distributed to the committee: (1) The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Recommendations and Implementation Plan, (2) "Scrap The Cap In 2009", (3) 2008 Affordable Housing Day At The Florida Capitol, Appropriate Housing Monies For Housing in 2009 To Accelerate Florida's Economy, Legislative Update and (4) The City of Orlando Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Housing Incentives Review.

Ms. Kovisars would like to discuss the "Green Building" criteria at the next AHAC meeting. She asked if Orange County has adopted "Green Building" standards, and if so, can the AHAC committee get a copy of the standards.

Ms. Ayme Smith asked if the guidelines on the LEED program could also be provided at the next AHAC meeting.

Ms. DeJesus explained the Local Housing Assistance Plan and how the money is divided:

City of Orlando receives 1.9-2.1 million
75% Construction
65% Homeownership
Maximum home sales prices is \$247,000

40% Moderate Income homeowners
30% Very Low income homeowners
30% Low income homeowners

Ms. Kovisars asked if the construction grant could be used for housing rehabilitation since there are more than 300,000 homes for sale. She doesn't see a need for new construction. She also asked if the grant funding can go toward rental subsidy and utilities.

Ms. DeJesus advised that the City of Orlando's Consolidated Plan explains how the grant funds are spent, however, the AHAC committee can write to the legislature to change the criteria on how the SHIP funds are spent.

Mr. Hornsby asked that the committee focus on:

1. Housing Land Trust Fund
2. Very low and low income families that need help
3. Plan to help unemployment
4. Educate citizens on the City of Orlando's programs (i.e. neighborhood meetings, organizations, etc.)

Mr. Hornsby asked if the AHAC committee could set up a committee on Housing Land Trust Fund.

Mr. Hornsby asked the Housing staff for research on the Housing Land Trust Fund and bring the information to next AHAC meeting.

Richard Hornsby departed the meeting at 12:35.

Ms. DeJesus explained the Sadowski/Workforce Housing Coalition. (handout attached)

Gary McBride made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m., Kenneth Goodwin seconded the Motion, Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana McCallister
Administrative Specialist

