

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Agenda Conference Room

January 12, 2010 11:30 AM

Members Present: Judith Kovisars, Chairman
Kathy Hazelwood, Vice Chairman
Mi Hoshino
Bishop Billy Newton
Taylor Kessel
Cynthia Smith
Carmel Munroe

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lelia Allen, Director
Bill Vagianos, Homeless Prevention Coordinator
Frances DeJesus, Program Manager
Tamaya Huff, Planner II
Diana McCallister, Administrative Specialist

Kathy Hazelwood, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order with a quorum at 11:40 a.m.

Bishop Newton made a Motion to accept the December 8, 2009 minutes, Carmel Munroe seconded the Motion; Motion passed.

Bill Vagianos, PhD, Homeless Prevention Coordinator discussed the City of Orlando's Homeless situation. He informed the committee that on January 22, 2010 there would be a groundbreaking ceremony for 28 additional beds for the Women and Children's Coalition in Cocoa. There are also an additional 310 beds in the surrounding counties we can use.

Ms. Allen advised that the Federal Government established the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to create affordable housing for the 30% or below income eligible, this funding does not include maintenance or operating expenses for the housing units.

Mr. Vagianos distributed the City of Orlando's Downtown Street Information Cards; the cards are given out to anyone in need of services.

Ms. Kovisars suggested the committee ask Rollins College Graduate School of Business to perform a survey on the Economic Impact of the Homeless in Orlando. It was suggested that Dr. Wright with UCF and Ray Larsen with the Regional Commission on Homelessness has a study underway. Mr. Vagiano said he would invite Dr. Wright and/or Mr. Larsen to the next AHAC meeting to discuss their survey with the committee.

Ms. DeJesus distributed Housing Element Policy Document and the Homeless Strategy for the committee to review *Goal 4: To provide housing opportunities for people with special needs such as the homeless, the elderly, and the physically and /or mentally disabled.*

Ms. McCallister advised the committee that four members resigned due to work duties, they are: Richard Hornsby, Mark Tellam, Gary McBride and Ayme Smith. The nominating board liaison will submit names to the Housing and Community Development Dept. to replace the former members.

Bishop Newton made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m., Kathy Hazelwood seconded the Motion, Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana McCallister
Administrative Specialist