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**City of Tampa
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 8, 2018**

Pursuant to notice, the public hearing/regular meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for the City of Tampa was held on Thursday, March 8th at 9:00 a.m. in the Tampa Municipal Office Building located at 306 E. Jackson St., 5th floor conference room, Tampa, FL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Harry Hedges, Russ Versaggi, Tina Swain, Ernest Coney, Tony Rodriguez, Tina Swain, Roger Copp, and Shawn Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Debra Koehler

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Qiana Daughtry, Vanessa McCleary, Ron Wigginton, and Rebecca Cortes

GUEST: Leroy Moore, Tampa Housing Authority

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Harry Hedges, at 9:10 a.m. Tony Rodriguez arrived later.

MINUTES/MOTION: H. Hedges asked members if they had reviewed the minutes for January 11, 2018, and asked if there were any changes.

R. Versaggi referred to page two, under Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP), where it indicates “that County residents may apply to the City’s MAP program, if they want to live in the City limits and if not, they would need to apply to the Hillsborough County Down payment program”. He asked if it was just a matter of destination and V. McCleary responded yes, as long as the person buys and lives in the City limits. No corrections were made, and a motion was made by R. Versaggi for approval of the minutes as submitted, and the motion was seconded by R. Copp, and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

New AHAC Member Introduction

V. McCleary introduced Shawn Wilson, who is with Blue Sky Communities, and that leaves three vacancies. Essential Services Personnel, Representative of employers of City of Tampa, and Citizen Engaged in Advocacy for Low Income Persons in Connection with Affordable Housing. Essential services include police, fire, nurse, teachers, etc. She asked members to send recommendations to her.

ACTION PLAN

V. McCleary – received notification from HUD to use last year’s numbers. She will be making a presentation tonight at the City Council meeting, begin the public input process. The information will be posted on the Housing and Community Development (HCD) web page for public access. An RFA is to be released tomorrow, and anyone that is interested in applying for funding, the notice will be sent tomorrow, and will be in the newspaper, Alert Tampa and Demand Star HCD web page. On the HCD web page, one of the first things that appears is, Alert Tampa. Citizens are informed that if they sign up for funding opportunities, they will receive an email blast. Otherwise, a list is not kept, only through Alert Tampa is where a list is kept for someone who is interested in any program, such as a contractor, Owner Occupied Rehab (OOR). When a program is open, an Alert is released and those signed up, receive an email blast. The public will be asked to provide feedback, and a survey is to be sent to V. McCleary by May 3, 2018.

V. McCleary informed the members that for the Annual Action Plan, we are in Year 2 of the five-year Consolidated Plan, which was adopted last year, and it will cover Federal funds - CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA and includes SHIP funds through the State. The SHIP funding year begins in July and the federal program year for HUD funds begins in October. V. McCleary presented the powerpoint that will be used for the City Council meeting.

S. Wilson asked where the meetings were held. V. McCleary stated they will be held in community centers and asked if any board member had any question. Tina Swain asked if citizens should be notified of a survey, and Q. Daughtry stated the survey is available online. R. Versaggi asked what the process for a reviewer would be and if it included a presentation and Q. Daughtry responded that there would be an orientation on April 10, 2018 and the review on May 4, 2018 to include discussion and comments regarding scores. A reviewer is to use Zoom Grant. R. Copp asked how many reviews are there per reviewer. Q. Daughtry responded that it depends on submissions from April 27th.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Q. Daughtry, Community Development Coordinator

Members were provided with a pamphlet of Urban 360° by Domain Homes. It included diagrams and features for the Ashley Carlton, and Pierce Home Plans. CDC of Tampa and Habitat are partners in the project and will be about 10 homes each.

V. McCleary – The City will utilize a financial institution to manage the revolving loan fund. Through a quote wire two responses have been received - NLP and First Housing, and First Housing was awarded. Legal is now working on the contract.

H. Hodges – asked what the pricing will be? Which will be \$130,000 to \$226,000. Purchaser will be able to make selection from three different builders at different price points. E. Coney stated that Beacon Homes project is priced closer to \$170,000, and that the market driven approach is closer to \$220,000. The total cost for construction is \$140,000 hard cost and soft cost bring it up to \$170,000. S. Wilson asked what the mortgage cost would be. E. Coney responded approximately \$1,500 or less. V. McCleary stated there is up to \$45,000 in layered assistance available to assist qualified buyers. Central State is offering \$15,000, which could be put with the State’s program and the City’s. A question was asked if it is it forgivable. V. McCleary responded yes, but that owners would need to live in the house for the affordability period. A meeting will be held later this month with bankers that are on the approved list to inform them of all available affordable homes.

Q. Daughtry continued the update on Community Development activities: for the Owner Occupied Rehab Program, there were 31 closings to-date using SHIP funds. Two of the Chinese drywall homes are complete and one other is expected to be complete this Friday. In addition, new applications will be accepted for the Owner Occupied Rehab program starting in April.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Q. Daughtry reported on behalf of Patricia Newton, that the Tampa Office of Human Rights (TOHR) hosted the fair housing symposium in 2017. This year will be the 15th annual Fair Housing Symposium, and it will be held at Pinellas REALTOR Organization in Clearwater. Staff is also working on a mural project to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. The mural project in Rowlett Park is expected to begin towards the end of April/early May and will include education. The artist is Mike Parker.

NEW BUSINESS

Florida Housing – H. Hodges informed the members that a vote takes place tomorrow. He stated that out of the \$321 million dollars that we have in housing, which it looks like \$123 million dollars will come through for the trust fund. \$79 million dollars will go to the State program, and \$43 million dollars will be used for SHIP. He stated that \$1 billion was taken in the last ten years by Florida Housing. It is getting hard to obtain more funding. R. Versaggi asked if the funds come from doc stamps and H. Hodges responded yes. V. McCleary commented that there should be a mandate to use funds for housing.

NEXT MEETING - Thursday, April 12, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

No motion for adjournment was made. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.