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**Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
The Tampa Convention Center
333 S Franklin St, Tampa FL 33602
Rooms 20 and 21**

MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to notice, the public hearing/regular meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for the City of Tampa was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

Members Present:	Harry Hedges Tony Rodriguez Shawn Wilson	Ernest Coney Debra Koehler Jennye Hall
Members Absent:	Russ Versaggi Louis Ladson	Tina Swain John Dingfelder
City Staff Present:	Abbye Feeley Kayon Henderson Brian Morrison Marquaz McGhee	Viola Dawson Nicole Stehlar Denise Papajorgji

Public Member Present: None

1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee was called to order on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 1:38pm by Chairman Hedges with members available for a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Hedges requested approval of minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting.

Shawn Wilson made motion for the April 21, 2021 minutes to be approved. The motion was seconded by Jennye Hall. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES (STAFFING & PROGRAMS)

Abbye Feeley informed the Committee that Kayon Henderson was attending the meeting via phone and will provide further information as needed.

Abbye introduced Marquez McGhee to provide an update on Infill Phase 2. Marquez updated that we currently have 14 applicants and 26 pre-applications in progress with great response to Phase 2. Marquez met with Truist Bank and Suncoast Credit Union with interest in providing funding for the smaller developers and contractors participating. A request was made to Truist Bank to possibly provide funding for solar to be included in some of the homes to help it to be even more affordable. In the next 60 days we will announce via live broadcast the random selection.

Abbye Feeley gave an update on the DARE Program from the request last month for additional information. There is eligibility for up to \$30,000 in HCD grant funds and there is a possibility of the East Tampa CRA to provide additional funds on a sliding scale. Kayon Henderson added that this will allow families in Infill Phase 2 to receive up to \$80,000 in assistance. This is a grant that if they only use our funds they need to be Owner Occupied for 10 years, and it is forgiven. If they only use East Tampa funds, it's forgiven in 7 years. The statistics for this program on average is \$1 million annually. We have had 48 closings in FY2020 and 20 closings in FY2021, which will keep us on track to meet the target of \$1 million.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP1) is the funds of \$12 million the City received, \$30 million that the County received, with the partnership of distribution through Ernst & Young, and one central call center that the County has provided full support. Launched in March with landlords first and then opened to tenants with funds going directly to the landlord. Overall, there are just over 5,200 applications with just over 2,100 or 40% that are City of Tampa. City of Tampa applications approved are 841 and 218 funded with an expenditure deadline of September 30, 2022.

ERAP2 is very similar to ERAP1 and will fund families in need due to the pandemic. We will receive \$9.5 million and the first installment of \$3 million has already been received with this program expenditure deadline of September 30, 2025. The biggest difference in this criterion is that the household income be at or below 80% area median income (AMI) and we are working to make that 120% AMI. This does not require direct influence for COVID hardship but indirectly related to the pandemic hardship.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Abbye Feeley presented new business concerning the 9% tax credit and Kayon Henderson presented further information. We are looking to request the committee to vote on how we approach going forward. We would like to roll this into our action plan with our RFA that is completed yearly with CDBG and HOME funding of approximately \$3 million so that we have the opportunity to include this in the RFP with the availability to choose more than one developer through the ranking, providing other projects and the 9% tax credit within the RFP. We could release this in our RFA on June 4th or complete a separate

RFP specific to the 9% tax credit that will not give us the same opportunity to choose more than one developer for more projects.

Further discussion ensued to determine all possibilities and the best way to proceed.

Debra Koehler motioned to delegate authority to Kayon Henderson and staff to proceed with the RFA giving them the most flexibility, including SHIP, speak with the County again on their process to determine the best action and Committee will be available to look at the draft application. The motion was seconded by Shawn Wilson. Motion carried.

6. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 1:30 PM, location to be determined.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Hedges adjourned the meeting at 2:41 PM.