



# City of Tampa

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**Affordable Housing Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, August 18, 2021**  
**4900 W Lemon St, Tampa FL 33609**  
**Board Room**

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## MEETING MINUTES

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Pursuant to notice, the public hearing/regular meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for the City of Tampa was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

<b>Members Present:</b>	Harry Hedges Tony Rodriguez Shawn Wilson	Russ Versaggi Ernest Coney John Dingfelder
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Tina Swain Louis Ladson	Debra Koehler Jennye Hall
<b>City Staff Present:</b>	Kayon Henderson Brian Morrison Marquaz McGhee Latasha Hicks	Viola Dawson Mary Ellen Vegeto Denise Papajorgji Abbye Feeley
<b>Public Member Present:</b>	Haley Magee, Spiegel Enterprise	Katie Berg, Spiegel Enterprise

### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee was called to order on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 1:40pm by Chairman Hedges with members available for a quorum.

Motion was made by Tony Rodriguez to allow committee members that attended virtually to participate and vote since there is an in-person quorum, Shawn Wilson made second motion. Motion carried.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Tony Rodriguez made motion for the July 21, 2021 minutes to be approved. The motion was seconded by Shawn Wilson. Motion carried.

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **4. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

Kayon Henderson provided updates with a briefing on the action plan that has been submitted to HUD and still in the review process.

- a. Funding Awards – overall funds are just over \$16 million for our programs and information was provided on how the funds would be distributed.
  - i. CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) - \$5,546,642
  - ii. HOME (Home Investment Partnership) - \$3,692,192
  - iii. HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS) - \$4,378,068
  - iv. ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) - \$274,681
  - v. SHIP (State Housing Initiatives Partnership) - \$2,598,797
- b. Program Overview – each program was given a brief overview and then provided with the proposed services and agencies to provide the services under CDBG, ESG, HOPWA and HOME.
  - i. Housing Projects – there is a mixture of housing projects; CDBG, HOME, and SHIP that has not been given an RFP and is approximately \$6.9 million to process.
  - ii. Housing Counseling – we went from 6 agencies 2 years ago and now down to 3 agencies. An RFP will come out again next year and hope that will provide more agencies since our biggest complaint is the process is too long.
  - iii. Down Payment Assistance - \$1.5 million has been set aside for 1<sup>st</sup> time homebuyers. We added funds from SHIP to allow those between the 80-140% AMI the ability to receive assistance.
  - iv. HOPWA – spread over 4 counties with several agencies funded \$4.3 million.
  - v. Land Acquisition - \$1 million
  - vi. Public Services – having a mandatory 15% with \$500,000 being the most we can use; we will provide 5 agencies with \$100,000 each.
  - vii. HOME TBRA – in year 2 of a 3-year agreement with \$600,000 annually, which we have used towards avoiding homelessness.
  - viii. ESG – these are the only funds designated for homeless at \$260,947, which is why we try to leverage other funds.
  - ix. Program Delivery/Outreach – Owner Occupied Rehab

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

Kayon presented topics for discussion and strategies from previous discussions for review and further discussion. The following are part of the 11 strategies for incentives to be discussed and reviewed to move forward with implementation.

- Expedited process of development approvals
- Fee waivers for the development or construction of affordable housing – Brian is going to investigate further from Tallahassee on what that require. Some discussion on sidewalks, stormwater, and wastewater was discussed. The simple answer would be a waiver but there is still more that we would have to consider.
- Flexibility in density

Looking to present to council in November after our presentation meeting. Suggest to workshop at council in October. If we do that, we will have to get 8 more done in the next 2 meetings.

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENT/WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

ARPA money, 81 million and mayor recommendation was to mark 16 million to housing and maybe another 5 million.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 3:23 PM, location to be determined.

## **8. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman Hedges adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM.