



City of Sunrise Affordable Housing Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Monday, February 4, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: City Hall Annex – Osprey Conference Room

Address: 1601 NW 136th Avenue, Bldg. A, Sunrise, FL 33323

Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order

Edwige Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Moment of Silence; Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Present: Edwige Clark, Jeffrey Hittleman, Edward Gersten, John LaMotta, Susan Evans, Regina Solomon. **Absent:** Jamal Holmes (email), Janet Tacoronte (email), Neil Kerch. **Staff Liaison:** Shannon L. Ley. **City Staff:** Stephanie Hahn, Housing Grants Administrator, Joy Tornambe, Board Secretary.

C. Open Discussion

There was no discussion.

D. Review of Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2018 was made by Jeffrey Hittleman and seconded by Susan Evans. It was passed unanimously.

E. Old Business

Vacancies for the disciplines of For-Profit Provider of Affordable Housing and Residential Home Building. Ms. Ley explained that persons willing to fill vacancies do not have to be residents of Sunrise.

F. New Business

A Chair and Vice Chair were selected. Edwige Clark will be the Chair and Jeffrey Hittleman will be the Vice Chair.

Our newest Board member, Regina Solomon, was introduced.

The East Sunrise Improvements Master Plan initiative was undertaken approximately 18 months ago. The Commission awarded a contract to a consultant to create a master plan for improvements to the older part, the eastern part, of the city. Meetings have taken place throughout this time to give residents a forum to voice their opinions and concerns.

One suggestion made during these meetings was a paint program, which has since been implemented. Information can be found on the city's web site. Another was recognizing residents for taking good care of the exterior their homes and property. Still another was changing zoning codes regarding commercial areas. Sites for affordable housing were discussed at previous AHAB meetings.

The final public workshop amongst the City Commission and community will take place on February 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM. A draft of the plan will be presented during this workshop. A link to this draft has been sent to AHAB members. The final document is anticipated to go to Commission in March for adoption and implementation of the recommendations.

The SHIP Report was submitted and accepted by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation without comment. The Triennial Report was submitted and accepted by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation without comment, as well.

The Local Housing Assistance Plan is due to the State on May 2, 2019 and will be going to Commission in April. The Local Housing Assistance Plan includes our grant strategies which include Residential Rehabilitation, Disaster Mitigation, Roof Replacement, Architectural Barrier Removal, Purchase Assistance and Disaster Recovery. The strategies and limits for the strategies were reviewed.

Ms. Ley discussed the ideas of layering strategies, how to improve the purchase assistance strategy within limitations from state, increasing the maximum funding limits for select strategies due to increase of construction costs, and strategy limitations. The Board agreed with the recommendation to raise maximum funding limitations to account for increases in construction costs. It was explained the recommended increase for residential rehabilitation from \$25,000 to \$40,000 not only requires Commission approval of the Local Housing Assistance Plan, but another approval to the residential rehabilitation contractors pool contract.

Ms. Ley and Ms. Hahn discussed the progress of the State's annual budgeting process as well as the support activities of the Sadowski Coalition. From now until February 25, 2019 housing providers and affordable housing advocates have time to emphasize affordable housing needs with the Governor and other members of the State House and Senate. Board members were informed that many organizations were reaching out to the local representatives to recommend the full funding of affordable housing programs in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, consistent with the original intention of the Sadowski Act. As an example of recent sweeps, the 2019-2020 distribution for the City of Sunrise, is estimated to be \$1.2 million, however the City is projected to receive only \$120,000 of these funds.

Ms. Ley explained the Fair Housing Art Poster Contest, as well as the judging criteria of the Fair Housing Art Poster Contest. Three board members volunteered to judge the poster contest immediately afterward. Awards to the first, second and third place winners of each category will be presented at the Tuesday, April 9, 2019 City Commission meeting. Staff is still seeking sponsors.

The next Affordable Housing Advisory Board meeting will take place on Monday, May 20, 2019.

G. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Edwige Clark and seconded by Jeffrey Hittleman. The motion passed without opposition and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Joy Tornambe, Board Secretary