

# City of Gainesville

*City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



## **Minutes - Final**

**October 12, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

**The Historic Thomas Center—Building A—Spanish Court  
302 NE 6th Avenue**

## **SHIP - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee**

*Belinda Smith*

*Saeed Khan*

*Jamie Bell*

*Aditya Basu-Dutta*

*Mary Lou Hildreth*

*Michael Raburn*

*Shayna Rich*

*Eric McLarthy*

*Octavia Washington*

*Desmon Duncan-Walker*

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## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

## ROLL CALL

**Present** 8 - Bell, McLarthy, Khan, Hildreth, Raburn, Basu-Dutta, Washington, and Duncan-Walker  
**Absent** 2 - Smith, and Rich

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### [210494.](#) **Approval of Minutes from the April 13, May 11, July 13, and September 14 2021 Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meetings (B)**

Ms. Hildreth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Raburn, to adopt the minutes of April 13, 2021, as presented. The motion passed 7-0. Ms. Duncan-Walker abstained.

Mr. Raburn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hildreth, to adopt the minutes of May 11, 2021, as presented. The motion passed 5-0. Ms. Bell, Ms. Hildreth, and Ms. Washington abstained.

Ms. Bell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Raburn, to adopt the minutes of July 13, 2021, as presented. The motion passed 6-0. Ms. Hildreth and Ms. Duncan-Walker abstained.

Mr. Raburn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Khan, to adopt the minutes of September 14, 2021, as presented. The motion passed 4-0. Mr. McLarthy, Ms. Bell, Ms. Duncan-Walker, and Ms. Washington abstained.

**RECOMMENDATION** *The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee approve the minutes of April 13, May 11, July 13, and September 14, 2021.*

## DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

### [210492.](#) **Adoption of the Incentives and Recommendations Report (B)**

Mr. Wachtel briefly reviewed the Incentives and Recommendations Report (IRR) for the Committee and the public. The Committee reviewed the IRR and discussed several additional minor revisions, which were later incorporated into a motion.

Mr. Raburn said that in the future, he hoped that the IRR will contain more specific recommendations about inclusionary housing requirements/incentives for new development, including the amount of housing and the affordability levels of the units. To do that, however, he noted that the committee would need more information about the income levels of City residents, how many existing residential units (rental and owner occupied) are affordable at the various income levels, and how many City residents are cost burdened (rental and owner occupied) at various income levels. He also noted the importance of having information about family size.

Ms. Hildreth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bell, to adopt the IRR with the following revisions:

- In Section III, rearrange the sequence of the strategies to match the statute.
- In the General Comments, expand #3 to add that the City must consider realistic timeframes for changes.
- In the first Additional Recommendation, add that one of the reasons to reach out to large employers is to discuss the “pros and cons of Employer Assisted Housing Programs.”

The motion passed 7-0 (Ms. Duncan-Walker had to leave prior to this vote.).

Ms. Hildreth then made another motion, seconded by Ms. Bell, that prior to adopting the 2022 IRR, the AHAC research and consider the information Mr. Raburn discussed. The motion passed 7-0.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: 1) receive a presentation from staff; 2) receive public comments; 3) adopt the Incentive and Recommendations Report; and 4) authorize staff to submit the report, on behalf of the Committee, to the City Commission.*

**Approved as shown above (See Motion)**

[210493.](#)

**Discussion of Incentives and Recommendations Report (IRR) Presentation to the City Commission (NB)**

Mr. Basu-Dutta and Ms. Hildreth volunteered to make the presentation. Ms. Bell also offered to help, depending on the time the City Commission considers the Report. Chair McLarthy accepted all three offers and appointed those members to make the presentation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Chair designate himself or another member to present the Incentives and Recommendations Report to the City Commission.*

**Discussed**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Donald Shepherd and Mary Hawks commented about the City's housing needs and data sources.

## **MEMBER COMMENT**

Ms. Hildreth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bell, to cancel the November and December meetings. The motion passed 7-0.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE - November 9, 2021**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM