

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

July 13, 2021

6:00 PM

The Historic Thomas Center - Building A - Spanish Court

302 NE 6th Avenue - Gainesville, Florida 32601

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 - 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present

1. Eric McLarthy, Chair
2. Jamie Bell, vice-Chair
3. Belinda Smith
4. Octavia Washington
5. Michael Raburn
6. Aditya Basu-Dutta
7. Saeed Khan
8. Shayna Rich

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Jaime Bell made a motion, seconded by Shayna Rich, to adopt the agenda, as presented. The motion passed 8-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[210162.](#)

Ranking of Affordable Rental Housing Projects Requesting Local Government Area of Opportunity Funding (B)

Mr. Wachtel provided a brief introduction of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program and how it incorporates the Federal, State, and City government. Mr. Wachtel then explained the ranking process.

Representatives from three of the four affordable housing developers who applied for City funding presented their projects to, and answered questions from, the Committee, which then discussed the relative strengths and weakness of the projects. Following that discussion, the members completed the ranking forms and submitted the forms to Mr. Wachtel who entered the rankings into a spreadsheet that was project onto a screen that everyone could see. The spreadsheet indicated that the Committee's cumulative ranking of the projects is 1) Woodland Park, Phase 2; 2) The Village at Lincoln Park; 3) Veranda Estates; and 4) Madison Moor. Each AHAC Member confirmed that the projected spreadsheet correctly indicated their individual rankings.

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rich, to recommend that the City approve funding a Local Government Area of Opportunity Loan for Woodland Park, Phase 2. The motion passed 8-0.

RECOMMENDATION

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: 1) hear a presentation from staff and each of the four applicants; 2) discuss the relative strengths and weaknesses of each application; 3) use the ranking form to rank each application and give reasons for the rankings; 4) recommend that the City Commission fund the highest ranked application; and 5) authorize the Chair or another AHAC Member to present the recommendation to the City Commission at their August 5, 2021 meeting.

A motion was made that this Matter be Approved, as shown above - See Motion(s). The motion carried by the following vote:

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE - 8/10/21 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT