

**ESCAMBIA-PENSACOLA AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

November 12, 2019

A regular meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) was held at the City of Pensacola Housing Office on November 12, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Board members present: Paul Ritz, Ed Brown, Heidi Palmquist, Tim Evans, John Ralls and John Rickmon.

Board members absent: Kris Waters, excused; Laura Gilmore, excused; Frances Cutshaw, excused; Renee' Wilhoit, unexcused.

Staff members present: Meredith Reeves, Neighborhood Enterprise Division Manager, Neighborhood and Human Services Department, Escambia County; Marcie Whitaker, Housing Administrator, PHD, Tracy Pickens, PHD, Ursula Jackson, PHD.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME AND ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order. Roll call was administered by sign-in sheet.
2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Notice of meeting published in the *Pensacola News Journal*. Notice of meeting also published on the City & County websites.
3. **BOARD MINUTES:** The AHAC reviewed the minutes of the October 8, 2019, meeting. Ed Brown made a motion to accept the minutes; John Rickmon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **ESCAMBIA COUNTY UPDATE:** Meredith Reeves did not have any updates to present to the AHAC Committee members.
5. **CITY OF PENSACOLA UPDATE:**
 - A. **CITY INFILL PARCELS:** Marcie Whitaker thanked the AHAC Committee members for their input on the LHAP and The Affordable Housing Incentive Strategies. Ms. Whitaker indicated the Affordable Housing Incentive Strategies was a catalyst in moving forward with the infill project located at 7th Ave. and Scott Street. Ms. Whitaker informed the AHAC Committee members about the Affordable Housing Task Force and the mission which is to develop strategies for affordable housing within the city limits.
 - B. **CITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE:** Ms. Whitaker explained the Affordable Housing Task Force was adopted by City Council and Florida Housing Collation will serve as a technical consultant. In addition, Ms. Whitaker informed AHAC Committee members the Affordable Task Force would be for a term of six months which would start in January. Ms. Whitaker presented that the AHAC Committee members serve as members of the Affordable Housing Task Force and she asked for feedback from the AHAC Committee. John Rickmon, motioned the City postpone the first Affordable Housing Task Force meeting for ninety days in order to get more clarification regarding if AHAC Committee members serving on the Affordable Housing Task Force would be a violation of Sunshine law. Tim Evans, AHAC Committee Member, seconded the motion. The motion failed. Heidi Palmquist, motioned that the City appointed Affordable Housing Task Force members be assigned to the AHAC Committee for a six month term, pending approval by the Board of County Commissioners. John Rickmon, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Marcie Whitaker informed the AHAC Committee she would present this to Council Woman Jewel Cannada-Wynn. County staff indicated they would review this structure with the County Attorney's office.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment
7. **ANNOUNCEMENT/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** AHAC Committee members discussed local mortgage to gross income ratios compared nationally. The next AHAC meeting is scheduled Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35p.m.

Pending Approval

Respectfully submitted by: Ursula C. Jackson