

# CITY OF FORT PIERCE

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Regular Meeting - Thursday, July 27, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.

City Hall - Second Floor Conference Room, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by KeAndrea Davis

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. ROLL CALL

Roll called by Verna Jackson

Those in attendance: Chad Ingram, KeAndrea Davis, Phil Thompson, Bridgette Romer, and Leslie Olson.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Chad Ingram, seconded to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2023, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meeting.

### 5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please sign the sign-up sheet in order to speak. Please limit your comments to no more than five (5) minutes, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will not be able to take any official action under "Comments from the Public" section.

Jean Woodard- Made comment in her opinion that there has not been any public comment prior to today's meeting is that information about the meetings is not easily accessible on the city's website. Ms. Woodard inquired about the results of the Housing Needs Assessment Survey regarding the future of the City's growth and expressed concerns regarding overcrowding due to overdevelopment and profit incentives to Developers, suggesting targeting

homeownership over rentals, protecting property values, supporting workforce housing for essential workers, and focus on building accessible housing for residents with disabilities.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

8. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF DISCUSSION**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. Expedited Process Development Approvals**

Made motion by Leslie Olsen and seconded by Chad Ingram the City Commission to direct staff to develop timeframes and streamline processes for expedited permitting of affordable housing permits.

**2. Ongoing Regulatory Review Process**

Motion made by KeAndrea Davis and seconded by Chad Ingram to incorporate a housing impact statement form to recommendation.

**3. Fee Waiver for Affordable Housing**

Motion made by KeAndrea Davis and seconded by Chad to recommend building fees and impact fees be waived for affordable housing.

AYE

**4. Surplus Land**

Motion made by Chad Ingram and seconded by Leslie Olsen to allow nonprofit organizations to place non solicited bids to the FPRA and to the city for the properties that they hold.

AYE

## **5. Density Flexibility**

The committee agreed to leave recommendation as is.

## **6. Accessory Dwelling Units**

Motion made by Leslie Olsen and seconded by KeAndrea Davis to recommend to the city Commission to direct staff to develop an accessory dwelling ordinance which will be allowed to be built on owner occupied sites.

AYE

Chad Ingram made a motion to make a recommendation not the city and the FPRA make an investigation or conduct an investigation as to how CBDG funds and ship funds can be used to support families with special needs members when it comes to accessory dwelling units.

Motion failed, as outside of the purview of this committee.

## **OTHER**

### **1. SB 102**

Discussion regarding the Live Local Act and how it pertains to the function of the committee's recommendations for Affordable Housing.

Committee will conduct next meeting August 24, 2023, at 4:00pm

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm

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