

APPROVED
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MIZELL CENTER – 1409 NW 6 STREET
2ND FLOOR AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2010 – 8:30 A.M.

Committee Members	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance	
		Present	Absent
Rebecca Jo Walter, Chair	P	1	0
Janet Riley, Vice Chair	P	1	0
Margie Alexander	P	1	0
Bradley Deckelbaum	A	0	1
Peter Henn	P	1	0
Dennis Herrity	A	0	1
Jim Jordan (8:55)	P	1	0
Jonathan Jordan	P	1	0
Brian Poulin	A	0	1
Roosevelt Walters	P	1	0

Staff

Angelia Basto, Clerk Typist II, Housing and Community Development
Barbara Hartmann, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Communications to City Commission

None at this time.

Roll Call

Chair Walter called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was not present.

The following Item was taken out of order on the Agenda.

Update on Ordinance Revisions

Chair Walter noted that the Ordinance Revision in question was approved, and this Item would be removed from future Agendas.

Affordable Housing Strategic Implementation Plan

Mr. Henn recalled that members of the Committee had discussed a possible year-end event, and suggested that they try to come up with a “usable framework” so Staff and the City Commission could work with the Committee on implementation of key points in 2011.

Chair Walter said she was uncertain at present as to how the Committee should proceed, as she had not received a response from any of the City Commissioners. She noted that the response to Mr. Henn's earlier memo had stated that dedicated sources of funding cannot presently be considered due to economic constraints.

Mr. Jonathan Jordan asked if the memo could be briefly summarized. Mr. Henn explained that the document said it may be unrealistic for the City to continue to rely upon federal and state funding, or to use local taxes. The memo had suggested a more creative approach, such as "inclusionary zoning" or establishment of a linkage fee for commercial development.

Mr. Walters asked where the Committee can go from here, pointing out that they do not know what kind of funds, if any, would be available to them. Chair Walter said the response to the memo had given the impression that affordable housing is not viewed as "one of the top issues" currently facing the City.

Mr. Henn noted that while affordable housing is unlikely to become "the City's top issue," the Ordinance had been expanded. He urged the Committee to prepare a "simple and clear" report for the City Commission.

- **Dedicated Sources of Funding – Janet Riley and Peter Henn**

Ms. Riley stated she has a good deal of research on dedicated funding sources, and agreed the Committee should prepare a report for the City Commission. It was agreed that Ms. Riley and Mr. Henn would work on shortening Mr. Henn's memo to a series of bullet points.

- **Proximity of New Development – Jonathan Jordan and Jim Jordan**

Mr. Jonathan Jordan reported that at its June meeting, the Committee had viewed a presentation on recent transportation plans for the County. Transportation corridors were discussed, and information was provided on future developments. Mr. Jordan advised more research remains to be done, and encouraged the Committee to invite the guests to return and make their presentation to the membership again.

Mr. Jim Jordan joined the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Chair Walter asked Mr. Jonathan Jordan if they might be able to prepare a summary or outline of information to be included in the Committee's report. He agreed this could be done. Chair Walter requested that all drafts be sent to Ms. Basto to be compiled into a single document for the September meeting.

- **Infill Strategies – Tam English and Margie Alexander**

Ms. Alexander stated she had seen many opportunities to initiate affordable housing in Fort Lauderdale, but “nothing is getting done.” She felt very discouraged, as she knows there is a need for affordable housing, and felt the suggestions included in the memo should have been considered.

- **Coordination, Building Capacity and Partnerships – Roosevelt Walters and Rebecca Walter**

Chair Walter noted they have already prepared a brief document, and suggested that it be put into a format that can be inserted into the report. She has not yet been able to arrange for a workshop to bring potential partners together, but felt this could be an important coordination strategy in the future.

- **New Programs – Bradley Deckelbaum**

As Mr. Deckelbaum was not present, there was no report on new programs at this time.

Election of Officers

It was noted that the new term for the Committee began in July 2010.

Motion made by Mr. Walters to reelect Ms. Walter as Chair. Chair Walter declined the nomination.

Motion made by Mr. Walters to nominate Mr. Henn.

Mr. Henn stated that he has previously served as Chair and would like to offer the opportunity to Vice Chair Riley if she was interested in the position. Vice Chair Riley said she would be willing to remain as Vice Chair if Mr. Henn would serve as Chair.

Chair Walter **seconded** Mr. Walters’ **motion** to nominate Mr. Henn as Chair.

The Committee went briefly off the record at this time.

Motion made by Mr. Henn, seconded by Mr. Walters, that Vice Chair Riley serve as Interim Chair, and that Jonathan [Jordan] would then serve in the capacity of Vice Chair through the rest of the calendar year.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Chair Walter resigned as Chair at this time, and Ms. Riley and Mr. Jordan assumed the roles of Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Motion made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Ms. Walter, that, realizing the membership to the Board is on a three-year basis, that they have annual election of a Chair and Vice Chair. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2010 / June 21, 2010

Motion made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Vice Chair Jordan, to accept the minutes of May 17 as read. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Ms. Walter, to accept the June 21 minutes as read. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Communications to the City Commission

None at this time.

Other Business

Ms. Walter asked that the members submit their reports in draft form to Staff, so they may be reviewed at the September meeting.

Vice Chair Jordan expressed concern with the need for “a larger group to attend” next month’s meeting. Ms. Basto explained she sends reminders to the membership the Friday before each meeting. Ms. Walter suggested asking the members to respond to the reminder, and to follow up with telephone calls if there is no email response. Ms. Basto agreed this could be done.

Mr. Jim Jordan advised he had a conflict with the meeting time. It was agreed the meeting time would be changed to 8:45 a.m.

Motion made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Walters, that they move the meeting back to 8:45. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Ms. Alexander asked if they could invite the Mayor or a City Commissioner to attend a Committee meeting. Mr. Henn recalled that to the Commission, the next step is for the Committee to complete and submit their report, and meet “when we have a finished product.”

Mr. Walters noted that this meant any City Commissioners or the Mayor would not be invited to attend until “at least January,” as the report is due in December 2010. Vice Chair Jordan agreed they should have a finished document to show the Commissioners.

Ms. Alexander stated her homeowners' association had invited the Mayor to a meeting, and he had attended. She explained she would like to know his opinion on the Committee's work. Mr. Walters pointed out that at the luncheon, they were "given marching orders" for the remainder of the year. He did not feel it was appropriate to meet with officials before they had made progress on these goals.

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Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

[Minutes prepared by K. McGuire, Prototype, Inc.]