



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

The Northeast Florida Regional Council's Affordable Housing Ad-Hoc Committee met on Thursday October 5, 2017 at 8:30am at NEFRC Offices at 100 Festival Park Avenue in Jacksonville.

Chair Michael Bourre was in attendance, along with NEFRC President Roxanne Horvath and Committee Members Mr. Robert Spaeth, Mayor Catherine Robinson, Ms. Helga Van Eckert, Mr. Michael Griffis, Commissioner Larry Harvey, Councilmember Bill Gulliford and Councilmember Len Kreger. Guests included John Lasswell with BBVA Compass, Chelsea Anderson with Gunster and Michelle Tappouni with Ability Housing and participants on the telephone included Bill Lazar and Nancy Tufts. Staff consisted of Ed Preston and Margo Moehring.

Chair Bourre welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Public comment was invited. The Committee considered the August 3, 2017 minutes, which were approved unanimously under a motion by Mr. Spaeth with a second by Mayor Robinson.

Ms. Moehring presented a new draft Affordable Housing Needs Plan, generally addressing defining the needs through metrics, articulating economic benefits of providing affordable housing, and providing guidance from the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. There was discussion within the committee and with guests on these topics. There was discussion on the action items proposed in the draft plan. The Chair asked Ms. Moehring to create an additional chapter of the plan reflecting what strategies are in use in each county and what is perceived to be working, to serve as a "tool box" of ideas for jurisdictions who are considering how to meet affordable housing goals. Ms Moehring suggested a "listening tour" to allow staff to get input from each county. The decision was made to defer approval of the Affordable Housing Needs Plan draft until this activity and chapter are completed. Chair Bourre invited further public comment, and seeing none, adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

### Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on December 7, 2017 at 8:30am, at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202.