



NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

The Northeast Florida Regional Council's Affordable Housing Ad-Hoc Committee met on Thursday December 1, 2016 at 8:30am at the University Center of the University of North Florida.

Chair Michael Bourre was in attendance, along with NEFRC President Roxanne Horvath and Committee Members Councilmember Aaron Bowman, Councilmember Len Kreger, Mayor Catherine Robinson, Mr. Michael Griffis, Mr. Harlan Mason and Mr. Robert Spaeth.

Guests: Make Daly, Michelle Tappouni, Jose Papa, Chelsea Anderson, Joe Cone, Nigelle Kohn, and Coleen Shirley.

Staff: Ed Preston

President Horvath welcomed everyone as Chair Bourre was delayed in traffic, and introductions were made. Public comment was invited. The Committee considered the November 3 workshop summary, which was approved under a motion by Mr. Spaeth with a second by Councilman Kreger. The Committee then discussed the strategy of setting short term goals for staff to work on, and reconvening after six months or so for an update and the setting of additional goals. In addition to establishing regional metrics regarding need based on the standards set by funding program requirements, the Committee discussed:

- Developing recommended affordable housing set asides for large developments;
- Incorporating links to transit in affordable housing decisions;
- Convening banks to determine what they need and what would encourage them to invest more in affordable housing in Northeast Florida;
- Expanding the use of USDA funding in Northeast Florida; and
- Identifying additional short term strategies.

The Committee agreed by consensus to support the addition of the following language to the NEFRC Legislative Priorities: "Support Sadowski housing funding assistance for households spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs and households making less than 50% of median income, through programs such as SHIP, HOME and CDBG". The Committee will meet next month to provide additional guidance to staff and set its next meeting. Mr. Bourre invited further public comment, and seeing none, adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.

Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on January 5, 2017 at 8:30am, at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202.