

Affordable Housing Advisory Board

300 West Tryon Street

Hillsborough, NC 27278

Minutes of Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Members Present: Arthur Sprinczeles, *Vice Chair*; JonZella Bailey-Pridham; Tammy Jacobs; Eleanor Kinnaird; Noah Oswald; Nannie Richmond; Diane Beecham and Daniel Bullock

Excused Absence: Patsy Barbie, *Chair*; Sully Jaffer and Andrew Shannon

Unexcused Absence: Traci Wooten; Vivian Herndon-Latta and Jason O'Quinn

Staff Present: Audrey Spencer-Horsley, Director and Crystal Coble, Administrative Assistant

Welcome/Introduction

The Arthur Sprinczeles, *Vice Chair* called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Approval of Minutes

Eleanor made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2015 and Tammy seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Department Report/County Report

Audrey informed the AHAB that the BOCC would be revisiting the discussion of the Orange County Bond. Audrey suggested that the AHAB select members to speak at the BOCC meeting on September 15, 2015 during "Citizen Time" to stress the need that affordable housing be financially supported. The AHAB deliberated on who would speak and what message would best relay the importance of financially supporting affordable housing in Orange County. The AHAB agreed that Arthur, Daniel and Eleanor would go to the BOCC meeting and speak on behalf of the AHAB. The AHAB tasked Crystal with asking JonZella to speak and share more interpersonal side of the issues surrounding affordable housing like:

- Her personal story
- The personal stories of Orange County citizens
- How children and the elderly are directly affected when affordable housing needs are not addressed
- The human side of the issue

Arthur agreed he would focus on the basic overall need and importance for Orange County. Eleanor agreed she would focus on the overwhelming rental housing and housing rehabilitation needs in Orange County. While Daniel would focus on and share the factual and statistical information like:

- When was the last Bond that included affordable housing,
- How many families are in substandard housing,
- How many families are paying more that 50 of their income to rent or mortgage

The AHAB agreed that it is important not to challenge the use of the Bond for school but to encourage the BOCC to also set aside financial support for affordable housing.

Work Plan

Audrey was tasked with creating a 2015-2016 Work Plan timeline from the suggestions and ideas previously submitted by the AHAB. Audrey asked the AHAB to consider forming subcommittees based on affordable housing needs and what types of speakers they would like hear from. After which the AHAB would put together recommendations and present them to the BOCC. It was suggested by an AHAB member that the AHAB create a questionnaire to find out how people who are looking and applying for housing feel about the process, treatment, and results. In the hopes to get answers from the population that is in the midst of the affordable housing issue.

Other Business

There being no further business Noah motioned to adjourn and Nannie seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Crystal B. Coble, Administrative Assistant

Audrey Spencer-Horsley, Director

Housing, Human Rights and Community Development Department