

## Affordable Housing Advisory Board

Minutes of January 8, 2013

**Members Present:** Jonzella Bailey-Pridham, Diane Beecham, Patsy Barbee, Katherine Doom, Nannie Richmond, Arthur Sprinczeles, James Stroud

**Members Absent:** Andrew Shannon and Christopher Wehrman

**Staff Present:** Tara L. Fikes

### Welcome/Introduction

Chair Patsy Barbee opened the meeting at 6:10 pm.

### Approval of Minutes - November 13 and December 11, 2012

The minutes of November 13 and December 11 were approved on a motion by Nannie Richmond seconded by James Stroud.

### Media Strategy

Katherine Doom reported that the new Facebook page has been developed and everyone can join as managers in order to be able to post content which members were encouraged to do.

### Housing Bond Program Request

Robert Dowling is interested in making a request to the BOCC to allocate the remaining housing bond funds in the amount of \$75,000 to Greenbridge Condominiums in Chapel Hill to assist in the repair/replacement of HVAC units. Board members expressed interest in a tour of the condos. Either January 24 or 31 were good days with a start time of 4:00 pm. Fikes will try to schedule the tour. Also, the board generated the following questions to pose to Dowling which Fikes will do on behalf of the Board. The answers are in italics.

- How long have the units been there? *(2010)*
- Why is there no warranty? *(Because the contractor was not paid this voided the warranty.)*
- Are you looking for additional pots of money? *(Not at this time.)*
- Why are the replacement units so expensive? *(The current system is "ultra green" and uses a chiller system and a new system would have to adapt to it which is costly.)*
- Has a third party HVAC expert been consulted? *(No)* Are there any energy credits? *(No)*
- How many systems have been swapped out? *(Two)*

### Department Report

Fikes reported that the Board of County Commissioners would be holding their annual goal-setting retreat on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and affordable housing is a part of the agenda. Also, she reported that there has been conversation with the VISTA intern at the Centre for Homeownership and Economic Development Corporation regarding the establishment of Affordable Housing Clearinghouse in the County. It was suggested that the Board host a roundtable for the community to determine the goal for such an entity.

### Other Business

The group's picture was taken and the group agreed that the next meeting will be held on February 12, 2013 at the Richard E. Whitted Building, 300 W. Tryon Street in Hillsborough.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Katherine Doom seconded by James Stroud.

Respectfully submitted:

Tara L. Fikes