

**Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
St. Johns County, Florida
Regular Meeting**

July 16, 2024
Minutes

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) of St. Johns County met at 9:00 am at the Health & Human Services Center, in the Muscovy Conference room, at 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida 32084.

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by Chair, Alex Mansur.

Members Present - AHAC:

Greg Burke - residential home builder
Bill Lazar - citizen actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing
Alex Mansur - citizen actively engaged in areas of labor in home building
Mike O'Donnell - HFA Chair/citizen actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons
Karl Vierck – citizen actively engaged as a real estate developer
Judy Spiegel – citizen actively serving on local planning agency

Members Absent - AHAC:

Roy Alaimo - locally elected official
Orville Dothage – banking/mortgage banking industry
Harry Maxwell - citizen actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing
Lindsey Rodea – essential service personnel

Guests Present:

Mark Aniadaga – APD Urban Planning & Management
Joe Cone - Assistant Director, Health and Human Services
Jenny Harvey - Manager, Housing and Community Development
Deborah Jensen – APD Urban Planning & Management
Vicki Pepper – St Johns County Resident
Julie Voorhees – Program Specialist, Housing and Community Development

Notices regarding the meeting were sent to all members. No press was in attendance.

1. **Introduction of AHAC Members and SJC Staff:** Committee members and County staff were acknowledged and a quorum was present.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** A **motion** was made by Greg Burke to approve minutes of the May, 2024, meeting; motion seconded by Bill Lazar. **The motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Recommendations:** Jennifer Harvey let the Committee know that we have currently have two positions available; both positions could serve as St. Johns County residents, as we have already fulfilled our position requirements. A **motion** was made by Bill Lazar

and seconded by Karl Vierck, to nominate Sharon Whitcraft and Andrew Geisel. **The motion passed unanimously.** These nominations will go in front of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in August.

4. **Administrators Report:** Joe Cone introduced the ADP staff that will be conducting the Housing Assessment. The Steering Committee meeting, for the Housing Assessment, ended at 9:28 a.m. and the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meeting commenced immediately. Minutes for the Steering Committee meeting are attached.

5. **Public Comment:** Judy Spiegel encouraged all Committee members to attend the first open house public engagement for the Comprehensive Plan. The meetings will take place on July 23rd, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. A **motion** was made by Bill Lazar and seconded by Karl Vierck to send this information to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) and the Housing Finance Authority (HFA) members. **The motion passed unanimously.** Bill Lazar suggested that the AHAC have better communication with developmental services, after Mike O'Donnell asked what else the AHAC can do to get their voices heard by the BCC. Judy Spiegel encouraged ADP Urban Planning & Management to engage the public with the Housing Needs Assessment; as well as the Continuum of Care (COC), and other civic groups and constituents.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.