
**OKALOOSA COUNTY/CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**August 3, 2023 1:00 P.M.
1250 N. Eglin Pkwy, Shalimar, FL 32579
First Floor, BCC Training Room**

I. WELCOME

Meeting called to Order at 1:05

II. ROLL CALL (*5 members needed for a quorum*)

Board members in attendance; Randy Wise, Felicia Scaife, Mike Kent, Nitsi Bennett, Anita Williams, Bonnie R. Barlow, Grady Carpenter, Paul Mixon, Payne Walker

Staff in attendance; Abra McGill and Shelia Fitzgerald

Visitors in attendance; Samantha Cutsinger with BCC-N

III. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC *statement by Chair (this meeting is open to the Public for comment)*

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

a. Chairman

Motion to nominate Mike Kent to remain as Chairman.

1st: Nitsi Bennett

2nd: Anita Williams

VOTE: Approved Unanimously

b. Vice Chairman

Motion to nominate Felix Beukenkamp to remain as vice chair.

1st: Nitsi Bennett

2nd: Anita Williams

VOTE: Approved Unanimously

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update from TPMA on Attainable Housing Strategic Plan

Update provided by Aaron with TPMA including slides. Discussed findings of workshops held on June 27th & 28th.

63 attendees over two days. Identified barriers as well as current efforts found during workshops. Went over information found in charts within slides. Discussed public survey approach. Identified types of questions that will be asked as well as the type of information he is hoping to obtain from these surveys. Hoping to launch survey

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Monday, August 7th. Discussion ensued. Additional questions to be added to ask renters what barriers they may experience in regards to purchasing a home versus renting.

Aaron added there will also be a shorter business survey that will be sent. He doesn't have the exact information at this time. Main take away from survey will be to determine if and how the housing market effects the local businesses.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. LIVELocalAct2023 Update – Hand out information only

Handout provided. Part of the Act requires the County to post a list of County owned surplus land. The County is working on the list now and should be ready the first week in September. Ms. McGill asked if members would be available for a special meeting September 7, 2023. Additional information will be sent/posted once determined.

VII. ADJOURN

Prepared by: *Abra L. McGill*

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