

# Affordable Housing Task Force

Chair, Thomas Scott  
Hillsborough County Commissioner, District 3

## Recap of Community Meeting on August 8, 2005, 6:30 – 8:00 pm Middleton High School

The Affordable Housing Task Force meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by the Chair, Commissioner Thomas Scott, District 3. The following were present:

<b>Members Present</b>		
Thomas Scott, Commissioner District 3, Chair	Karen Jackson-Sims, US HUD (Non-Voting member)	
Sylvia Alvarez, Appointee by Com. Castor	Sheila Lopez, Catholic Charities	
Gladstone Cooper, Searchwell Thorne & Assoc.	Desiree Valdes, Tampa City Council Appointee	
Kevin Tatreau, Neighborhood Lending Partners	Ben Wacksman, Appointee by Com. Scott	
Willie Mason, Greater Tampa Board of Realtors	Sharon West, Mayor of Tampa Appointee	
Jerome Ryans, Tampa Housing Authority	Earl Pfeiffer, Homes for Hillsborough	
<b>Members Absent</b>		
Robert Samuels, Appointee by Com. Sharpe	Joe Eastburn, Appointee by Com. Storms	
Lloyd Boggio, The Carlisle Group	Jill Collins, Appointee by Com. Hagan	
Joe DiDominico, HC Alliance for Citizens with Disabilities	Darrell Daniels, Appointee by Com. Blair	
Debra Koehler, HC Housing Finance Authority	Leigh Dingle, Bay Area Apartment Association	
James McDaniel, Mayor of Plant City Appointee	Liz Fields, Habitat for Humanity	
Glenda Venable, Temple Terrace Mayor Appointee	Julia Rettig, Appointee by Com. Norman	
Joseph Narkiewicz, Tampa Bay Builders Assoc.		
<b>Staff and Commissioner Aides</b>		
Belinda Allen, Aide to Com. Scott	Dexter Barge, Housing & Code Enforcement	
Bart Banks, Health and Social Services	Joy Smith-McCormick, HC Attorney's Office	
Reginald Windham, HC Strategic Management Initiatives	Frank Turano, Housing & Code Enforcement	
Sandra Pinol, HC Strategic Management Initiatives	Maggie Tagliarini, Housing & Code Enforcement	
<b>Interested Parties</b>		
Rosemary Hornsby	Valerie Davis	Roberta Boykins
Kristal	Keith Downer	Nancy Singleton

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting and welcomed everyone for attending.

Commissioner Scott read for the record, members that could not be present. Listed were James McDaniel, Mayor of Plant City Appointee, Glenda Venable, Temple Terrace Mayor Appointee, and Joseph Narkiewicz, Tampa Bay Builders Assoc. Other members not in attendance are listed in the “Members Absent” section above.

Bill Turney, Director, Florida Manufactured Housing Association Inc., gave a presentation to the Task Force. He provided the Task Force an overview of the manufactured housing industry and how the stricter regulations have resulted in much safer homes. He then showed a presentation about Hurricane Charley and its minimal effect on the newer manufactured homes.

After a brief question and answer session, each Task Force member in attendance introduced themselves to the members of the community.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to public comments. Comments from the public were as follows:

Rosemary Hornsby asked for information about financing, escrows, and insurance. Sylvia Alvarez, Director, Housing Education Alliance Inc. suggested that Ms. Hornsby talk to her about enrolling in one of the classes her organization offers.

Valerie Davis also asked for information about financing, escrows, insurance. She also talked to Task Force about how difficult it is trying to buy a house while being a single parent. Again, Ms. Sylvia Alvarez offered assistance.

Roberta Boykins asked for information about financing, escrows, insurance. She also wanted to know what to do when a lender tries to act in an unscrupulous manner. Ms. Sylvia Alvarez offered assistance.

Commissioner Scott reminded the audience that, although there was a presentation about manufactured housing, the Task Force was not advocating this product.

Kristal (did not provide last name) came forth to inform the Task Force that she had recently been evicted and was now homeless. She wanted to know if anyone could assist her. Sharon West and Karen Jackson-Sims assisted the young lady.

Keith Downer wanted to know if there are incentives for private land owners to contribute to a public trust. Julia Rettig, Commissioner Norman's designee informed Mr. Downer that the Task Force has not concluded its recommendation phase, so right now the trust issue is just one of many options.

Nancy Singleton wanted information on the HOPE IV project. Jerome Ryans, Executive Director, Tampa Housing Authority provided Ms. Singleton with an update.

Karen Jackson-Sims informed the community that the task force was not advocating Housing Education Alliance Inc. as the sole provider of housing education services. She indicated that there were several organizations that provided this type of service.

Commissioner Scott thanked everyone for speaking and informed the community members of future meetings. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 24, 2005, County Center, Conference Room B, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.