

Affordable Housing Task Force

Chair, Thomas Scott
Hillsborough County Commissioner, District 3

Recap of Meeting on August 24, 2005, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
County Center

The Affordable Housing Task Force meeting began at 9:10 a.m. The following were present:

Members		
Thomas Scott, Commissioner District 3, Chair	James McDaniel, Mayor of Plant City Appointee	
Sylvia Alvarez, Appointee by Com. Castor*	Joseph Narkiewicz, Tampa Bay Builders Assoc.	
Lloyd Boggio, The Carlisle Group*	Earl Pfeiffer, Homes for Hillsborough	
Jill Collins, Appointee by Com. Hagan*	Julia Rettig, Appointee by Com. Norman	
Gladstone Cooper, Searchwell Thorne & Assoc.	Jerome Ryans, Tampa Housing Authority	
Darrell Daniels, Appointee by Com. Blair	Robert Samuels, Appointee by Com. Sharpe	
Joe DiDominico, HC Alliance for Citizens with Disabilities	Kevin Tatreau, Neighborhood Lending Partners*	
Leigh Dingle, Bay Area Apartment Association*	Desiree Valdes, Tampa City Council Appointee	
Joe Eastburn, Appointee by Com. Storms*	Glenda Venable, Temple Terrace Mayor Appointee	
Roger Girson, Habitat for Humanity	Ben Wacksman, Appointee by Com. Scott	
Debra Koehler, HC Housing Finance Authority	Sharon West, Mayor of Tampa Appointee	
Sheila Lopez, Catholic Charities	Karen Jackson-Sims, US HUD (Non-Voting member)*	
Willie Mason, Greater Tampa Board of Realtors		
*Not in attendance		
Staff and Commissioner Aides		
Bart Banks, Health and Social Services	Lucia Garsys, HC Strategic Management Initiatives	
Dexter Barge, Housing & Code Enforcement	Sandra Pinol, HC Strategic Management Initiatives	
Margaret Courtney, HC Attorney’s Office	Joy Smith-McCormick, HC Attorney’s Office	
Otella Edwards, Aide to Com. Scott	Reginald Windham, HC Strategic Mgt. Initiatives	
Interested Parties		
Hope Figueroa	Eileen Burke	Teresa Alverado
Jesse Orrellas	Gaspar Ortega	Vanessa Ortiz

Lucia Garsys opened the meeting and welcomed everyone for attending. The voting of the July 25, 2005 recap was postponed until Commissioner Scott’s arrival.

Earl Pfeiffer, Executive Director, Florida Home Partnership gave the group a presentation about the projects that his group has completed and in the process of completing. At the end of the presentation, Earl introduced the “Super Six” to the group. These are six individuals sought assistance from Earl’s group and are now employees of the Florida Home Partnership. The “Super Six” are:

- Hope Figueroa
- Jesse Orrellas
- Eileen Burke
- Gaspar Ortega
- Teresa Alverado
- Vanessa Ortiz

Roger Girson, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity gave the group a presentation about the organization.

Commissioner Scott asked for a motion to approve the July 25 meeting recap. The motion was made and the recap was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Scott read for the record members that could not be present. Listed were Sylvia Alvarez, Commissioner Castor Appointee and Kevin Tatreau, Neighborhood Lending Partners. Other members not in attendance are listed with an asterisk by their name.

Katrina Dupree from the USDA Rural Development read a letter from Daryl L. Cooper Director, Single Family Housing, USDA Rural Development to the task force. The letter was provided to the task force and entered into the record

Julia Rettig agreed to report the budget recommendations of the subcommittee agreed to the Task Force. Ms. Rettig will present these recommendations at the September 20, 2005 meeting.

Robert Samuels made a motion to nominate Ben Wacksman to be the Vice-Chair of the Task Force. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scott requested the approval of the task force to invite Bill Bishop to speak to the task force on the Central Park project. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Lucia Garsys provided the task force with a Mid-course Review that was prepared by Reggie Windham. Lucia requested that each task force member write down their key issues. The issues were segregated by topic and put up on the "Wall of Wonder". These issues may help guide the direction of the task force.

Commissioner Scott ended the meeting by thanking the staff of the Office of Strategic Management Initiatives and the staff of the Housing and Community Code Enforcement Department for doing a good job managing the task force.

Public comment

- Eileen Burg provided testimony about her experience with Homes for Hillsborough (now Florida Home Partnership).

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 20, 2005 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the County Center, Conference Room B.