

Affordable Housing Task Force

Chair, Thomas Scott
Hillsborough County Commissioner, District 3

Recap of Meeting on July 31, 2006 9:00 a.m.
County Center, 26B

The Affordable Housing Task Force meeting began at 9:15 a.m. The following were present:

Members	
Thomas Scott, Commissioner District 3, Chair Sylvia Alvarez, Commissioner Castor Appointee Lloyd Boggio, The Carlisle Group* Judy Carr, Bay Area Apartment Association* Jill Collins, Commissioner Hagan Appointee (arrived 10:18) Gladstone Cooper, Searchwell Thorne & Associates Darrell Daniels, Commissioner Blair Appointee* Joe DiDominico, HC Alliance for Citizens with Disabilities Joe Eastburn, Commissioner Storms Appointee* Ralph Jackson, Habitat for Humanity* Debra Koehler, HC Housing Finance Authority Sheila Lopez, Catholic Charities Willie Mason, Greater Tampa Board of Realtors	James McDaniel, Mayor of Plant City Appointee (arrived 9:23 am) Joseph Narkiewicz, Tampa Bay Builders Assoc. Earl Pfeiffer, Florida Home Partnership Julia Rettig, Commissioner Norman Appointee* Jerome Ryans, Tampa Housing Authority Robert Samuels, Commissioner Sharpe Appointee Kevin Tatreau, Neighborhood Lending Partners* Desiree Valdes, Tampa City Council Appointee Glenda Venable, Temple Terrace Mayor Appointee* Ben Wacksman, Commissioner Scott Appointee (arrived 9:45) Sharon West, Mayor of Tampa Appointee Karen Jackson-Sims, US HUD (Non-Voting member)*
*Not in attendance	
Staff and Commissioner Aides	
Belinda Allen, Aide to Commissioner Thomas Scott Bart Banks, Health and Social Services Dexter Barge HCCE Jack Carlisle, Management and Budget Lucia Garsys, Strategic Management Initiatives Gil Machin, Section 8 Program	Bruce McClendon, Planning & Growth Mgt. Sandra Pinol, Strategic Management Initiatives Nancy Takemori, HC Attorney's Office Maggie Tagliarini, HCCE Frank Turano, HCCE
Consultants	
Manny Rivero, USF/Jim Walter Partnership Anne Williamson, Shimberg Center, UF	Dino Zuppa, Shimberg Center, UF
Interested Parties	
Jennifer Motsinger, TBBA Sandra Fernandez-Lopez, Housing & Education Alliance Jeff Rogo, Bay Area Apartment Association Martin Lawier, Bay Area Legal Services Silvia Crillo, Section 8 Program Sherry Hanson, Section 8 Program	Larry Franks, Total Land Development Bill Turney, Florida Manufactured Housing Chloe Coney Grace Miranda, Center for Affordable Home Ownership

Commissioner Thomas Scott called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. He requested that everyone turn off their cell phones.

He read into the record those who notified their absence as: Glenda Venable, City of Temple Terrace Appointee; Julia Rettig, Commissioner Jim Norman Appointee; and that Bob Samuels would be late.

Commissioner Scott asked for a motion to approve the May 8, 2006 meeting recap. The meeting recap was approved unanimously with a correction that Earl Pfeiffer was not present.

Lucia Garsys provided a status on the recommendations from the May 17 report presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

Hire Housing Officer (senior level person)

- Has been advertised for two weeks now
- Approximately 25 applications to date
- The Housing and Community Code Enforcement Department will be divided into two different departments – Housing and Code Enforcement
- The Housing Officer will not be over the Planning and Growth Management Department (PGM)
- The Housing Officer will have the authority to contact PGM and move across departments.
- The Task Force should direct their recommendations to the County Administrator
- Interviews will be conducted by three sets of panels: Directors, Assistant County Administrators, and County Administrator
- The Task Force will be invited to the social event to meet the Housing Officer candidates

Motion was made to have Debra Koehler observe the interviews. It was amended to have Sharon West as the Alternate. The motion was unanimously approved.

Procure Consultants

- A full Request for Proposal (RFP) process is needed.
- The consultants are expected to be on board by September.
- Realistically will take 9 to 12 months, once the consultant is on board.
- The consultants will look for inconsistencies, streamlining process, barriers to the process, and identify ways to help the process move along.
- A suggestion was made to look at increasing density in commercial and transportation costs.

Report

- The report that was handed out is not the final report.
- There are 85 pages of data available.
- Concerned about putting the data out there for interpretation
- The report is a joint initiative with the Shimberg Center at UF and the Jim Walter Partnership at USF.

Anne Williams along with Manny Rivero provided a review of the report.

- They are seeking a suitable family from Hillsborough County for the report cover.
- 80-85 pages of data and best practices available

- All data is being double and triple checked
- The report should begin with a message from the Chair.
- The report should include the work of the Task Force. The report will include case studies of Hillsborough County families and the challenges they faced.

Discussion followed

- The Florida Housing Coalition and the Homeless Coalition have families available as case studies.
- The economic development aspect - working with business community and companies that are relocating to create affordable housing.
- Work with the Chamber, EMERGE, The Committee of 100, etc.
- Work with a summary of resources that are available in the Cities, County and State levels.
- The final report should be available in September.

Summit

- There are a number of folks working with staff such as Hillsborough County's Economic Development Department and Tampa Bay Partnership.
- The agenda includes blend of regional cases, regional and national initiatives.
- The greatest stumbling block has been recruiting speakers.
- Some speakers that were suggested are: University of Wisconsin; Rene Glover; Noel Khalil of Columbia Residential; Montgomery County, Maryland; Bank of America; Portland, Oregon
- The Housing Officer should be on board and help with summit agenda topics
- The summit is confirmed for Friday, October 27
- The Builders Association has a conference on Thursday, October 26

Consolidated Plan

- Mike Rowicki provided an overview of the Consolidated Plan
- The document is a 650 page five-year document
- 600 random phone surveys were conducted
- These phone surveys provided a 95% accuracy rate
- Mike handed out 2 documents: Highlights of the Hillsborough County's Consolidated Planning Document and Community Development Block Grant
- The recommendations of the Task Force are included in page 203

Discussion followed

- Individual Development Accounts (IDA)
- First time home buyer programs

Public Comment

- Lucia Garsys read into the record a letter from Sally Stern
- Grace Morando of Tampa Housing Authority spoke about the IDA program
- Larry Franks, spoke about builders/developers
- Sandra Fernandez Lopez of Housing and Education Alliance spoke about the September 30, 2006 My Home America Housing Expo at MOSI
- Grace Miranda spoke about IDA

- Chloe Coney spoke IDA
- Frank Turano spoke about meeting with developers regarding affordable housing

Commissioner Scott thanked the task force and the public for their comments.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.