

Affordable Housing Task Force Integration into Community Building Subcommittee Meeting

Recap of Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2006
County Center
1:00-3:00 p.m.

The Affordable Housing Task Force Integration into Community Building Subcommittee convened at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 24, 2006. The following were present:

MEMBERS
Darrell Daniels, Hillsborough County Commissioner Brian Blair Appointee Ben Wacksman, Hillsborough County Commissioner Thomas Scott Appointee Joe DiDomenico, H.C. Alliance for Citizens with Disabilities Robert J. Samuels, Hillsborough County Commissioner Mark Sharpe Appointee Desiree T. Valdes, City of Tampa City Council Appointee Glenda Venable, City of Temple Terrace Mayor Appointee
STAFF
Lucia Garsys, Strategic Management Initiatives, Hillsborough County Reggie Windham, Strategic Management Initiatives, Hillsborough County Michael Rowicki, HC HCCE Manny Rivero, USF Jim Walter Partnership Jennifer Bass, USF Jim Walter Partnership Jean Haneburg, USF Jim Walter Partnership Anne Lockwood-Williamson, Shimberg Center, University of Florida
INTERESTED PARTIES
Sylvia Alvarez, Hillsborough County Commissioner Kathy Castor Appointee Jeff Rogo, Bay Area Apartment Association Earl Pfeiffer, Homes for Hillsborough

The meeting began with introductions. After the introductions, Lucia Garsys gave a summary of why the group was formed and the role of the USF Jim Walter Partnership.

The group then began discussing the issues it believes should be its focus. Points of the discussion were as follows.

- The subcommittee should establish an overarching vision
- Stakeholders need to be identified
- ***Join forces with chamber initiative***
- Building ideal community
- ***Plan for entire community. Incorporate strategic plans from entire community***
- Consider schools and post offices in development of communities
- Education Role – to build stronger communication via affordable housing

- All new construction is high end
- Wage issues are a part of the component
- This subcommittee needs to be the visionaries. Paint the big picture
- We need an example of an affordable housing project that worked to create buy-in
- ***The faces of people that are affected can help make the case***
- Need the political will to sell the vision
- Charlotte and Atlanta have examples that work
- Need to have a permanent committee that will have an on-going structure dedicated to affordable housing
- What does the toolbox look like? Where are the financial institutions
- San Diego is an example of set-asides working and being incorporated into the community
- The private sector need to see the values of incentives
- Developers may find that contributing to a fund is a more attractive alternative
- Look at a holistic approach including job creation enhancement as a way to attain housing (e.g. Gonzalez plumbing)
- Community Land Trust
- Accessible housing should be a part of community building
- Why is it a good thing to have diversity in our community
 - Use a real example of a place that has worked
- ***Use the economic impact argument to make the case***
 - Refine economic argument. Its effect on the local economy can have crisis proportions on our stakeholders.
 - Look at vacancy time frames – time to fill a job
- Condo conversion issue
 - Squeeze
- Market ideas
 - What is economic impact, the big number
 - Number of Units available in 2003, 2004, 2005
 - Draw local picture
 - Sheriff and Fire Chief support
- Need a term for Affordable Housing that does not get “stuck”

The next meeting date and time will be made available as soon as possible.

The group adjourned at 3:00 p.m.