

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL**

**October 21, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Ramirez at 6:03 P.M. on Monday, October 21, 2024, at The Frank Art Gallery.

**Present:** Chair Ramirez, Vice Chair Guillen; Commissioner Schwartz, Members Shoua, Shannon, Gonzalez, and Shechter

**Absent:** Vice Mayor Good, Members Pinto, Dominguez and Almaguer

**Also Present:** City Staff Liaison Joseph Yaciuk, City Staff Diana Acevedo, Assistant City Attorney Quentin Morgan, and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion by Member Shechter, seconded by Member Shoua, to approve the meeting minutes of October 7, 2024, passed unanimously.

Due to a correction noted after the minutes had been approved, it was established that Commissioner Schwartz, an alternate member, should have been excused from the October 7, 2024 meeting. A motion by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Member Shechter to amend the October 7, 2024 minutes to reflect Commissioner Schwartz's excused absence, passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Liaison Yaciuk provided requested information concerning Mission United, which operates under the United Way. Another important initiative is Housing United, which

focuses on addressing the housing needs of vulnerable populations, including veterans, low-income families, and individuals facing homelessness. Recently, U.S. Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz secured \$1,116,279 in federal funds for United Way, which will be used to purchase two apartment buildings in Hollywood where veterans will live and receive on-site assistance. These efforts contribute to increasing the affordable housing stock, including the upcoming 110-unit affordable senior housing project, Pinnacle at La Cabaña, in Miramar, and the purchase of a 16-unit East Wind Villas apartment complex in Pompano Beach.

### **AHAC REPORT REVIEW**

Liaison Joseph Yaciuk led the Committee through a review of the 2024 AHAC Report. Included for review were the purposes of each incentive, staff comments, and the 2024 Staff Recommendations on the following areas:

- Expedited Permitting
- Flexible Densities
- Reservation of Infrastructure Capacity
- Affordable Accessory Residential Units

After review, a motion by Member Shechter, seconded by Member Shoua, to transmit the AHAC 2024 Report to the City Commission, passed unanimously.

The Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024. The Chair and Vice Chair should plan to attend, all members are welcome.

Members engaged in a discussion about the purpose and future of affordable housing in the City of Pembroke Pines, focusing on areas where more affordable housing is needed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Liaison Yaciuk informed the Committee that the Broward Housing Council's Affordable Housing Workshop on Condo Reform will take place on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, from 8:30 A.M. to 12 P.M. at the Anne Kolb Nature Center, located at 751 Sheridan Street, Hollywood, FL 33019. Registration is required.

## **ABSENCES**

A motion by Member Shechter, seconded by Member Shoua, to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor Good, Members Almaguer and Dominguez from the October 21, 2024 meeting, as well as Member Shannon from the October 7, 2024 meeting, passed unanimously.

As a matter of information, the Committee was informed that Member Lawes had resigned from the Committee.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Member Shechter, seconded by Member Shoua, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 P.M., passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom  
Board Secretary

**Approved:**