

**MANATEE COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK SESSION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING; FIFTH FLOOR, MANATEE ROOM
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
October 16, 2023**

Present were:

Stephen Rinehart, Chairman
Kenneth Ellis
Glen Gibellina
William Conerly
Raymond Turner, Board of County Commissioners

Absent were:

Brandon Johnson
Erick Pons
Mark Dunlop
Vallerie Guillory, First Vice-Chairman
Michael Fenton

Two seats are vacant


Also present were:

Deborah Ash, Community Development Coordinator
Kathleen Davis, Environmental Planner
Rowena Young-Gopie, Affordable Housing Development Coordinator
Hannah Bishop, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court

AGENDA AND SIGN-IN SHEET

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

 Chairman Rinehart called the work session to order at 3:10 p.m.


2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL**


Chairman Rinehart led the Pledge of Allegiance and conducted the Roll Call.

3. **DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

Due to a lack of a quorum, a work session was held, and Members Dunlop, Fenton, Guillory, Johnson, and Pons were absent.


4. **TREE PROTECTION TRUST FUND**

 Kathleen Davis, Environmental Planner, reviewed the Tree Protection Trust Fund as related to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), this incentive is currently addressed in the Land Development Code (LDC), section 545.2(C). Projects with at least 25 percent affordable units may apply to receive funds from the Tree Protection Trust Fund to meet landscaping requirements of the project. Any applicant seeking to secure such funding shall apply by submitting a written request to the Department Director. Allocation of these funds is discretionary and must compete with all other projects eligible to receive funds from the Tree Protection Trust Fund, including county landscaping projects and are based on fund availability. The applicant shall enter into a land use restriction agreement with the County. The agreement shall provide the designated affordable units required to seek reimbursement from the Tree Protection Trust Fund as approved by the Board. A land trust may be used as a mechanism to retain units as affordable.

 Discussion ensued regarding preservation of the trees, tree removal, understanding and allocation of the funds, and the type of trees being utilized for landscaping.


5. **SURPLUS PROPERTY HANDOUT FOR REVIEW**

 Rowena Young-Gopie, Affordable Housing Development Coordinator, requested AHAC review the surplus property process presentation provided, and noted that the County is currently working on locating Surplus properties.

 Discussion ensued regarding the 16-acre property being removed as surplus property.


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6. **AHAC DRAFT REPORT**


 Due to lack of a quorum Deborah Ash, Community Development Coordinator, and Chairman Rinehart did not review the draft with the AHAC Board.

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7. **NEXT MEETING**


 The next meeting is a public hearing, followed by a regular AHAC meeting held November 6, 2023 from 3:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building, Manatee Room, 5th Floor, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton 34205.


8. **MEMBER COMMENT**

 Member Gibellina commented on the current vacant seats on the Board, and requested the seats be filled when vacancy occurs.

There being no further member comments, Chairman Rinehart closed member comments.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

 Nina Tortelli, League of Women Voters Manatee noted their interests in Affordable Housing and the Homeless, and requested an invitation to all future meetings.

 Shawn Wilson, Blue Sky Communities, noted land has been acquired by Blue Sky for anaffordable housing development.

There being no further public comments, Chairman Rinehart closed public comments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Rinehart adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____