

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sumter County, FL

Meeting: January 9, 2014

Members Present: Richard Cole – Zoning & Adjustment Board; Diana Couillard - Dibarco Building Corporation; PJ Lewis – Lewis Brothers Construction; Cheryl Barnes – Barnes Realty & Appraisals, Inc.; Gene Barton – Helping Hands Outreach; Leland Greek - Sumter County Fire & EMS; Sandra Woodard – Early Learning Coalition of Nature Coast; Karen Davis - SCARC.

Members Absent: Matt Yoder – T & D Concrete; Mary Lou Mills – Habitat for Humanity; Samantha Crane – Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union; Darlene Ford – Southern Comfort Enterprises, Inc.

Public Attendees: Denna Lafferty - Sumter County Housing Coordinator

Location: 910 North Main Street, Suite 142, Bushnell, FL. 33513.

A copy of the public notice for this meeting is on file.

Hand-outs to members: Agenda, Affordable Housing fund quarterly report, SHIP fund quarterly report, and Housing Services section of the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners 2013 Annual Report.

Call to Order. Mr. Cole called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Public Forum: None

First order of business: *Approval of minutes dated October 10, 2013.*

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Barnes and seconded by Mrs. Davis. The motion carried unanimously.

Second order of business: *Introduction of new committee member Mr. Leland Greek.* Mr. Greek introduced himself to the committee, stated he is excited to serve on the committee and provide information on Public Safety. Staff and members welcomed Mr. Greek and thanked him for participating on the committee.

No action required.

Third order of business: *Affordable Housing Fund and SHIP Quarterly Report.* Mrs. Lafferty informed the committee that Housing Services received \$1,008.00 from the sale of a code foreclosure property. Mrs. Lafferty gave a detailed accounting of the Affordable Housing fund and explained staff will not be utilizing this funding for the next several months to allow the balance to increase from the monthly repayments. Mrs. Lafferty gave a detailed accounting of the SHIP 12/13 and 13/14 funds. The committee was given the current balance available for utilization, projected expenditures and the new fund balance. Mrs. Lafferty informed the committee all funding received in July 2013 for SHIP 13/14 fiscal year has been expended and the revenue generated from the monthly repayments through June 2014 will be used to complete the four replacement projects. Mrs. Lafferty reviewed the number of families assisted with the 13/14 funding and which program strategies were used. Mrs. Lafferty stated staff utilized the funds quickly and hopes it will provide a positive outlook for future funding. Mr. Cole congratulated staff on a job well done.

No action required.

Fourth order of business: *Sumter County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) 2013 Annual Report.* Mrs. Lafferty informed the committee that the BOCC publishes an annual report for the community. Housing Services is a department under the Development Services Division. Mrs. Lafferty provided the committee with a copy of Housing Services section of the report for their review. Mrs. Lewis complimented staff and the accomplishments made during the year. Mrs. Lafferty stated the entire annual report can be obtained through the BOCC website. The committee discussed emergency repair applicants, Mr. and Mrs. Glover. Mr. Barton stated their organization publishes a map of assisted families along with their individual story and suggested Housing Services utilize this idea in the future.

No action required.

Committee Members: Mrs. Couillard questioned if the county could apply for housing under the CDBG grant. Mrs. Lafferty explained the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a competitive grant program that awards funds to eligible applicants. Mrs. Lafferty stated it is the county's option on which category under CDBG to apply and other counties, such as Lake County, are an entitlement county, therefore they automatically receive funding each year. A county's population must be over 200,000 to be considered an entitlement community. Mrs. Lafferty stated the county approved Housing Services to apply and receive funding for housing in the past which assisted many families throughout Sumter County. Mrs. Lafferty further explained Housing Rehabilitation is more competitive than Neighborhood Revitalization so the county has a better opportunity to receive funding. The committee discussed future SHIP funding.

Mr. Barton questioned the combining of AHAC and CATF committees and how it will affect future meetings. Mrs. Lafferty explained it will only affect future AHAC meetings when the county is applying for a CDBG grant. Mrs. Lafferty gave a brief overview of the CATF responsibilities and explained the reason why the BOCC decided to combine the two committees.

Items for next agenda:

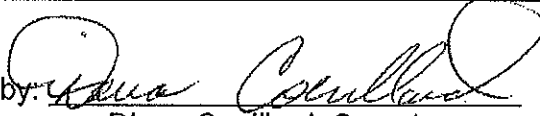
- None at this time.

Next Meeting:

- April 10, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. in Room 142 (as published for public notice)

Mrs. Couillard made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. and Mr. Barton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

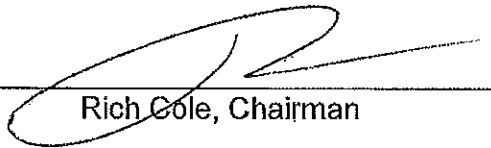
Submitted by:



Diana Couillard, Secretary

Approved on the 10th day of April, 2014.

By:



Rich Cole, Chairman

Minutes
Sumter County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Citizen Advisory Task Force Meeting
January 9, 2014
910 North Main Street, Room 142, Bushnell, FL. 33513
(Sumter County Government Annex Office)
Bushnell, FL. 33513
10:00 a.m.

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Public Attendees: Denna Lafferty - Sumter County Housing Coordinator; Chris Schumacher – Sumter County Public Works; Andy Easton – CDBG Consultant for Sumter County; Scott Cottrell – Sumter County Public Works; Mark Frederick.

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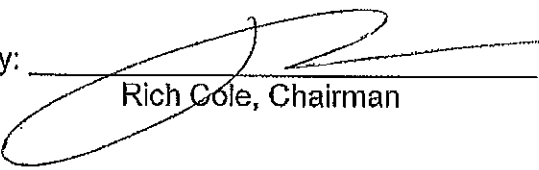
1. Mr. Cole, CATF Chairman, opened the Citizen Advisory Task Force meeting. Mr. Cole stated that the CATF would review a proposed CDBG grant application that includes repaving and drainage improvements to the following service areas:
 - a. Nobleton (adjacent to Withlacoochee River)
 - b. CR 471 and CR 439 (adjacent to Lake Panasoffke)
 - c. CR 471 and CR 436 (adjacent to Lake Panasoffke)
 - d. CR 471 and CR 412 (adjacent to Lake Panasoffke)

2. Christopher Schumacher gave a PowerPoint presentation that described the proposed project activities in detail. The Nobleton area includes drainage improvements to a residential area adjacent to the Withlacoochee River. The cost of improvements is estimated at \$450,000. This project will be paid for with County funds. CDBG funds will be used for repaving and drainage improvements to the CR 439 and 436 service areas. The total cost for these two projects (including engineering and administration) is \$750,000, to be paid for by the CDBG grant. The CR 412 service area will be a future need. If the bids come in low for the CR 439 and 436 projects, any unused CDBG funds will be used to elevate a short section of CR 412 that is subject to flooding.

3. The meeting attendees were asked if they had any comments on the proposed grant application. All in attendance felt that the grant funded activities would be a benefit to the County. It was stated that County funds used for the Nobleton project would be used as a "local match" for the CDBG grant.
4. Mrs. Woodard asked if the CR 412 job could be done this year since it could affect more people in lieu of another job. Chris Schumacher, Scott Cottrell and Andy Easton responded that the CR 436 and CR 439 jobs received more complaints and were top priority but the CR 412 would be designed and ready for the next year's grant application. Mr. Leland Greek asked questions about the proposed budget compared to the projected funding. Mr. Schumacher explained that the scope of work would be reduced to match funding prior to application submittal.
5. Public Forum: There were no comments or questions from any public attendees.
6. Mrs. Couillard made the following motion: "The CATF recommends that the County submit the CDBG grant application to the state for repaving and drainage improvements". The motion was seconded by Mr. Greek and it passed unanimously.
7. There being no further comments, Mrs. Couillard made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. and Mr. Greek seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by: 
Diana Couillard, Secretary

Approved on the 10th day of April, 2014.

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Rich Cole, Chairman