

**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
COMMISSION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING (CAH)
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

JUNE 15, 2023

**WEDNESDAY
10:30 A.M.**

**100 AUSTRALIAN AVENUE
WEST PALM BEACH, FL**

MEMBERS:

Commissioner Mack Bernard
John-Anthony “Jay” Boggess
George “Adam” Campbell
Lynda Charles
Timothy Coppage
Corey O’Gorman
William “Elliott” Johnson
Ezra M. Krieg, Vice Chair
Amy Robbins
Aquannette Thomas
Leonard “Len” A. Tylka, Chair

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:

Jonathan Brown, Director II, Housing and Economic Development (HED)
Joyce Grimm, Planner II, HED
Michael Sklar, Principal Planner, HED

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:

Jillian Zalewska, Deputy Clerk

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Suzanne Cabrera, President and CEO, Housing Leadership Council (HLC)
Lesley George, Housing Liaison, HED
Shacya Key, Florida Rising
Adriane Marcelle, Envision America
Elizabeth Jo Miller, Senior Planner, HED

ALSO PRESENT:

Samuel Villatoro-Palma, Intern with Amy Robbins

I. Call to Order

The vice chair called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Adam Campbell, Ezra Krieg, Amy Robbins, and Aquanette Thomas

Absent: Commissioner Mack Bernard, Jay Boggess, Lynda Charles, Timothy Coppage, Elliott Johnson, Corey O’Gorman, and Len Tylka

(CLERK’S NOTE: Ezra Krieg served as chair in Len Tylka’s absence.)

(CLERK’S NOTE: Due to the absence of a quorum, no votes were taken.)

III. Approval of Remote Attendance

No vote was taken.

IV. Approval of Agenda

No vote was taken.

V. Approval of Minutes

No vote was taken.

VI. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

VII. New Business

Incentives Review Area of Focus 2023

Mr. Krieg initiated a discussion of the agenda item. He requested that the members consider which incentives they felt should be the primary focus of the committee’s upcoming discussions.

HED Director II Jonathan Brown asked if the members wanted staff to provide updates on any of the existing recommendations.

Ms. Robbins requested an update on the status of the CAH’s recommendation regarding expedited permits.

Mr. Brown explained that projects utilizing State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) funds were already expedited. He also said that he had not received an update from Planning, Zoning and Building (PZB) about the recommendation. He agreed to obtain that information.

The members proceeded to a discussion of fee waivers for affordable housing developments.

Mr. Brown stated that Florida statute prohibited fee waivers or reductions.

Mr. Krieg requested that staff provide an update on the recommendation pertaining to reservation of infrastructure capacity for housing serving very low-income, low-income, and moderate-income individuals.

The members discussed the recommendation regarding affordable accessory dwelling units, and Mr. Brown said that he would request an update from PZB.

Mr. Krieg asked that staff provide an update regarding CAH's recommendation that a process be established by which a local government would consider, before adoption, the impact of any action that would increase the cost of housing.

Mr. Krieg suggested that staff discuss at the next meeting the effect of the Live Local Act on the CAH's work.

Mr. Brown said that County staff were looking at the incentives in relation to the Live Local Act. He also noted that staff were reviewing the housing plan to identify any items the County was already addressing as well as those that were not within the County's purview.

Mr. Krieg invited Ms. Cabrera to comment.

Ms. Cabrera said that the Housing Steering Committee would collaborate with the County and noted that one benefit of the countywide plan was that it would allow access to additional funding sources. She stated that the committee was pursuing funds that could be utilized for community revitalization and neighborhood stabilization.

The committee reviewed the remaining items and agreed that staff should provide an update on the status of the recommendation regarding allowance of flexibility in densities.

VIII. Member Comments

Ms. Robbins inquired about the date of the next CAH meeting, and Mr. Krieg suggested that staff solicit feedback from the members regarding the date.

Mr. Brown stated that staff had issued several RFPs for affordable housing developers and had received responses. He said that if the CAH members knew of any workforce housing developers, they could refer those developers to the County.

In response to a question posed by Mr. Krieg, Mr. Brown said the County was looking for developers who would serve the 60 to 140 percent area median income range.

IX. Adjourn

At 11:01 a.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.