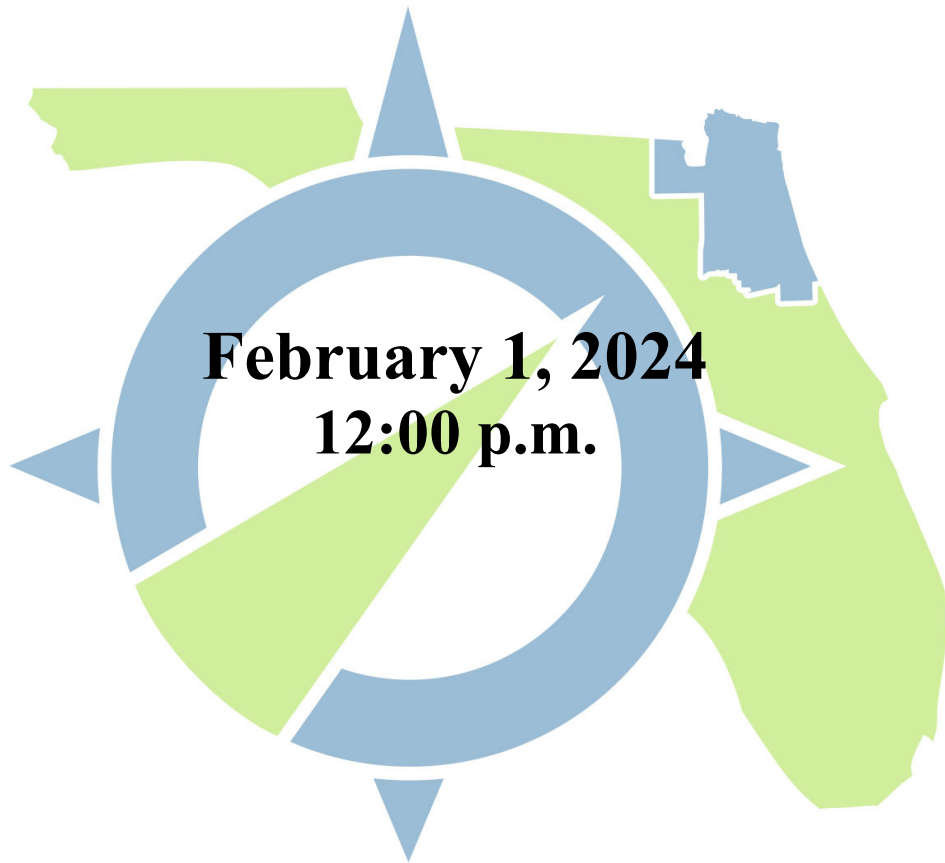


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MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2024
TO: NEFRC AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE
FROM: ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 
RE: NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Council's Affordable Housing Committee will be scheduled as needed.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

12:00 Noon

(ADDED OR MODIFIED ITEMS IN BOLD)

(*Denotes Action Required)

TAB

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call – Chair Renninger
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Renninger
- 4. Welcome – Chair Renninger
- 5. Invitation to Speak – Chair Renninger

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to speak on any item brought before the Committee. The public will be recognized during public comments.

- * 6. Approval October 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes – Chair Renninger1
- 7. ULI / NEFRC Discussion: What Should Northeast Florida Be Working On? – Mr. Shad
- 8. Public Comment – LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER
- 9. Next Committee Meeting: **TBD**
- 10. Adjournment

***Denotes Action Item**

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NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL
Affordable Housing Standing Committee Meeting
October 5, 2023

MINUTES

The Northeast Florida Regional Council's (NEFRC) Affordable Housing Committee held a hybrid workshop meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 12:08 p.m. **Chair Renninger** called the meeting to order with the following members present:

BAKER Commissioner Anderson
Michael Griffis (virtual)

CLAY Commissioner Renninger

DUVAL Mayor Lynch

ST. JOHNS Commissioner Horvath

Excused: Catherine Robinson

Absent: Michael Bourre, Curtis Hart

Presenter: CJ Reynolds, Florida Housing Coalition

Guests: Commissioner Andy Dance, Jacob Fredriksson, Amy Skinner, Bill Lazar, Deborah Thompson, DKT Consultants, Marshall Eyerman, Orville Dothage, Zane Marfiak, Yvette Jones, Roberto Ortiz, Darryl Register,

Staff Present: Elizabeth Payne, Eric Anderson, Tyler Nolen, Annie Sieger, and Sheron Forde

INVITATION TO SPEAK

Chair Renninger welcomed everyone. Public comment was invited, however, no comments were provided.

MEETING SUMMARY

Approval of the February Minutes

Chair Renninger called for a motion on the June 2023 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve the June 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes; seconded by Commissioner Horvath. Motion carried.

Presentation: Increasing Community Resilience – Creating Resilient and Disaster Ready Housing Programs.

Ms. CJ Reynolds, Director of Resilience and Disaster Recovery at Florida Housing Coalition, provided a presentation on increasing community resiliency. The presentation highlighted why resilient housing matters, ten principles for resilient housing leadership, creating permanent affordability and livability, cool housing – designed for extreme heat and disaster resilience, designing flood resilient housing, defining risks to existing affordable housing, understanding flood impacts to existing properties and structural vulnerability factors. She briefly discussed the Enterprise Foundation's strategies for multifamily business tools, including strategies to improve

resilience. Also discussed was the Keep Safe Florida pilot program and provided the following link https://keepsafeguide.enterprisecommunity.org/sites/default/files/strategies-for-multifamily-building-resilience_1.pdf?fid=2154&nid=4325 where more information can be found. She also highlighted resilience as a smart investment and the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. Discussion followed.

Live Local Act (2023): County Inventory Status

Ms. Payne led discussions on the Live Local Act requirements for local governments to identify lands that can be used for affordable housing. Each county representative present shared their process. Ms. Payne stated that staff will contact the small communities to inform and/or remind them about the Live Local Act requirements. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Dance inquired of the Members whether or not there are any mandates or other templates relating to affordable housing that they are utilizing. **Chair Renninger** stated that financing, such as the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC), will sometimes drive that. If financed through FHFC, affordability would have to be maintained to a certain percentage for 30 or 50 years.

HUD Home Consortium

Mr. Anderson provided a brief overview of the HUD Home Consortium program, the eligibility requirements, funding in Florida, and the annual timeframe for the necessary steps. He stated that one of the concepts, from a regional perspective, is whether there is an avenue to combine several of our counties who would be interested in a direct federal allocation. If so, what would that look like? As for eligibility, there are thresholds. If there is an interest in a consortium, a decision would be needed, and which counties would be interested and what thresholds and/or other eligibility would need to be met. This information is provided as a potential opportunity to determine if it is worth investigating further. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Anderson stated that he would like to hear more about the regional approach.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Committee Meeting

Ms. Payne stated that the 2022 Housing Strategy, which this Committee primarily has worked on, identifies strategies that are now diminished by the adoption of the Live Local Act. In an effort to keep the meetings relevant, she inquired about the frequency of the meetings going forward. She invited Committee Members to share their thoughts for further discussion at the February meeting. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Anderson stated that he believes county staff should be involved in these meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Jim Renninger
Chair

Elizabeth Payne
Chief Executive Officer