



City of ALACHUA

THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

Citizen Advisory Task Force Minutes August 10, 2020

Chair Diana Carlson
Vice Chair LaDtetre' Williams
Member Thelma Hammon
Member Sandralyn Rezac
Member Louis Washington
Member Walter Welch

City Manager Adam Boukari

Citizen Advisory Task Force
At 5:00 PM

Meeting Date: August 10, 2020

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers, City Hall, 15100 NW 142nd Ter.

CITIZENS ATTENDING: Annie Welch. STAFF ATTENDING: Adam Boukari, Rob Bonetti, Mike DaRoza, LeAnne Williams, Tyler Williams.

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CITIZEN ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Led by Chair Diana Carlson, with Member Thelma Hammon and Member Louis Washington absent.

INVOCATION

Led by Member Walter Welch.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Chair Carlson.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Dee Dee McClain moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Member Welch.

Chair Carlson opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent

I. OLD BUSINESS

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Grant Cycle

Finance and Administrative Services Director Robert Bonetti introduced the item.

Scott Modesitt, Summit Professionals, made the presentation.

Chair Carlson asked for maps of the neighborhoods to be available at the future meetings.

Mr. Modesitt stated they would provide those.

Mr. Modesitt stated this meetings goal was to get input on which grant the citizens would like for the City to apply: Neighborhood Revitalization Grant or Housing Grant.

City Manager Adam Boukari provided further clarification and information.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Member Welch stated he would like to see the City pursue the grant that serves the largest amount of people. He stated he saw that housing was needed, but this was his preference.

Chair Carlson stated she would like to see more sidewalks, as one of the strategic initiatives was to have a walkable community. She said she would like for the City to pursue the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant, as it would serve more people, and we would have a better chance of getting the grant due to the matching funds.

Member Sandralyn Rezac stated she would like to see the City pursue the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant.

Member McClain stated she would like to see the City pursue the Housing Grant. She stated there are poor living standards in some of the neighborhoods, and they don't have the funds to do this for themselves. She stated it would benefit the whole City to help beautify those neighborhoods.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Annie Welch stated she would like to see street rehabilitation because of flooding, but she also understood the elderly needing help with their homes. She asked if both could be done.

Mr. Modesitt stated with this grant, it was one or the other.

City Manager Boukari stated this was why this board was here, to give input: both are needed, but we must choose one.

Chair Carlson suggested reaching out to Habitat for Humanity and local churches to help with the homes, but the City's priority should be infrastructure.

Ms. Welch asked what were Chair Carlson's experience as she drove the neighborhoods.

Chair Carlson gave the information.

Ms. Welch identified streets she would like to see revitalized.

City Manager Boukari talked about the neighborhood sidewalks that were put in recently to improve the neighborhoods.

ADJOURN

Chair Carlson adjourned the meeting.

Minutes approved by City Clerk, as a ministerial act.



Mike DaRoza, City Manager/City Clerk