

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



JACKSONVILLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2015

4:00 p.m.

Proceedings before the Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission taken on Tuesday,
February 25, 2015, Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor, Jacksonville FL, 32202
Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, commencing at approximately 4:00 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Philip Mobley, Chair
Ramonda Fields, Member
Lisa King, Vice Chair
Mel Norwood II, Member
David Wakefield, Member

Elaine D. Spencer, Chief

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Board Members Present:

Philip Mobley, Chair
 Ramonda Fields, Member
 Lisa King, Vice Chair
 Mel Norwood II, Member
 David Wakefield, Member

Professional Staff:

Sandra Stockwell, OGC

Others Present

Martha Cox, Family Foundations
 Marie Gabbomente, Family Foundations

Board Members Absent:

Staff:

Elaine Spencer, Chief	
Lacree C. Carswell	Darrell Griffin
Dayatra Coles	Rosemary Wesolowski
Devin Carter	Laura Stagner
T. Scott McLarty	Sharel G. Macon
Benita Dawson	Erica Shaw
Loretta Lee	Travis Jeffry
Reggie Walker	Denard Turner
Valerie Richardson	Shanee Ealey
Denard Turner	Carolyn Herring
Susan Harnage	

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The Last Board Meeting was Held on January 21, 2015.

Agenda Item	Content	Exhibit/s of which are attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.	Action and/or Follow-Up
Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions	Chair Mobley called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. A quorum was present. Chair Mobley introduced new board member David Wakefield.		N/A

	Mr. Wakefield introduced himself. A native of Jacksonville, Mr. Wakefield informed the commission that he has been a loan originator at PrimeLending for 20 years, is married with 3 children and grew up on the north side of Jacksonville.		
Consider Approval of Minutes	Motion Passed: A motion to approve the January 21, 2015 minutes was made by Member King and duly seconded by Member Norwood. Motion Passed: 5-0.	JHCDC Minutes for January 21, 2015	
I. Staff Reports	<p><u>A. Elaine Spencer's Verbal Report:</u></p> <p>Chief Spencer informed the Commission that the Housing and Community Development Division (HCDD) has entered their last month of working with Cloudburst. Meetings are planned for March 4 and 5, 2015. There is a very intensive agenda planned. Some of the topics/activities that will be covered are a policy and procedure manual and staff realignments. Chief Spencer recognized LaCree Carswell for her involvement and leadership in heading up a supplemental group for Cloudburst.</p> <p>Chief Spencer stated that she has been in contact with the Washington DC office of HUD. Chief Spencer is waiting to hear about the Promise Zone designation. Chief Spencer clarified that this is the Promise Zone designation not Promise Zone grant. The Promise Zone designation is required to identify clear outcomes that will pursued to revitalize the community, with a focus on creating jobs, increasing economic activity, improving educational opportunities, increasing access to quality, affordable housing and reducing violent crime. All Promise Zones will continuously track those outcomes and have committed to sharing data across their community partners (private-sector, non-profits, federal, state, and local agencies,</p>		

etc.)

HCDD is looking at a portion of the Urban Core/Northwest district. The boundaries are loosely: State Street, New Town, Canal Street and Golfair Blvd. The boundaries are similar to the Health Zone boundaries.

Chief Spencer also informed the commission that she is waiting to learn about the NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) for the Choice Neighborhood Grant. The Choice Neighborhoods program supports locally driven strategies to address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation. Local leaders, residents, and stakeholders--such as public housing authorities, cities, schools, police, business owners, nonprofits, and private developers--come together to create and implement a plan that transforms distressed HUD housing and addresses the challenges in the surrounding neighborhood. The program is designed to catalyze critical improvements in neighborhood assets, including vacant property, housing, services and schools.

Choice Neighborhoods is focused on three core goals: Housing - to replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality, mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood; People - improve educational outcomes and inter-generational mobility for youth with services and supports delivered directly to youth and their families; and Neighborhood - to create the conditions necessary for public and private re-investment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families' choices about

their community. For the Choice Neighborhood program, HCDD is currently looking at the area near Roosevelt Gardens apartments. This area is located behind UF Health Jacksonville (Shands) and the high rise on Broad Street and encompasses an approximately 1/3 square mile.

Chief Spencer informed the group that the HCDD staff attended a community meeting held in Council District 10 by Councilmember Brown. The meeting proved to be beneficial and she feels that the community has a better understanding of the resources that are and are not available in the community.

Chief Spencer provided an update on the HCDD legislation. HOME and NSP have passed out of the Finance committee, but are currently being held up in RCD committee. There have been several meetings with City Council and staff will continue to work on getting the legislation passed. The good news is CDBG has passed through legislation.

The Renew Jax legislation was filed 4-6 weeks ago and has been deferred. Next week will be the first chance to engage and work to get this pushed through.

Renew Arlington does not have any funds associated with it. Renew Arlington is focused on rejuvenating private investment by designating a specific section within Arlington as a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) with a Redevelopment Trust Fund. For a 20-year period, all new revenues generated from increased property values in the redevelopment area would be dedicated to economic development, housing, infrastructure and other projects that benefit the Arlington area.

B. Dayatra Coles, Manager of Housing - stated that the ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) has been

	<p>executed. Ms. Coles introduced her staff that was in attendance at the meeting.</p> <p>B. LaCree Carswell, CDBG Manager - stated that she did not have any program updates, but introduced her staff that was in attendance at the meeting.</p> <p>C. Laura Stagner, Finance Director - Thanked Chief Spencer for providing her legislative update and introduced her staff that was in attendance.</p> <p>D. Darrell Griffin, Affordable Housing Coordinator - informed the Commission that there are a number of active projects that he is involved with. There are two multi-family projects and Mr. Griffin continues to work with Operation New Hope and their NSP projects and Wealth Watchers and their 24-unit NSP3 project. Mr. Griffin also continues to work on 3-single family homes with Wealth watchers and a single-family project with Grace and Truth. In addition, Mr. Griffin is also involved with two duplex projects, one quadplex project, and three single-family homes. Lastly, Mr. Griffin is working with NWDC and their duplex project that is under construction on Spearing Street.</p> <p>Mr. Griffin also introduced his staff.</p> <p>Elaine Spencer, Chief - introduced her staff.</p>		
II. Action Items	<p>SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) - Dayatra Coles</p> <p>Mrs. Coles informed the commission that the State of Florida enacted the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act, Chapter 92-317 of Florida Sessions Laws, allocating a portion of documentary stamp taxes on deeds to local governments for the development and maintenance of affordable housing.</p>	SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP)	

	<p>This is a 3-year plan and no funds are associated with the plan. There are nine (9) comprehensive strategies within the plan and sections that address administration and housing counseling. The Plan will follow the prescribed format as required by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation so that it matches the deployment (if funds are received) of the strategies and the annual reporting of the accomplishments. This Housing Plan covers fiscal years 2015-2018.</p> <p>Member King described the Florida Legislative process for SHIP funds for the committee and the State level discussion as to how funding Amendment 1 could affect the amount any local government will receive in SHIP funding.</p> <p>Ms. Coles pointed out the omission "Duval County" within the first line of Exhibit E.</p> <p>Motion made by Lisa King to approve the FY 2015-2018 Local Housing Assistance Plan inclusive of the scriveners correction in Exhibit E. The motion was seconded by Ramonda Fields. Motion passed: 5-0</p>		
III. New Business	None		
IV. Unfinished Business			

Public Comments:

Martha Cox, Family Foundations informed the JHCDC that Family Foundations will be moving downtown in May. Ms. Cox also stated that Family Foundations is sponsoring Wise Money Week. This event is

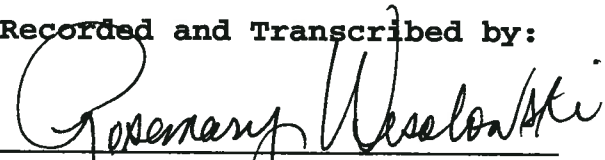
free and she hopes we can help her spread the word of the event. Ms. Cox also distributed a study from 2006, the correlated Foreclosure vs. Violent Crimes in communities.

Adjournment - *The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.*

THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING, March 25, 2015, WILL BE NOTICED.

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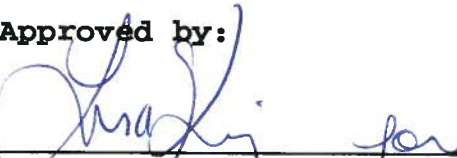


Rosemary Wesolowski

Submitted by:

Secretary (N/A)

Approved by:



Philip Mobley, Chair