

**Board of County Commissioners
Community Development Advisory Committee
Gadsden County, Florida**

MINUTES

**Public Meeting
Thursday, April 6, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

Present:

Jeff Davis
Franklin Springer
Alma Venisee
Bertha Kemp
Richard Lockwood
Dorothy Thomas

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Anita DeSilva, SHIP Director.

Amendments and Approval of Agenda

There were no additional amendments to the agenda.

1. **Introduction (Anita DeSilva, SHIP Director)**

Introductions were lead by Mrs. DeSilva.

2. **Review/Approve (SHIP) Local Housing Assistance Plan - Fiscal Year(s) 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020**

Mrs. DeSilva pointed out there was not anything major changing from the past. She said the purpose of the program was:

1. To meet the housing needs of the very low, low and moderate income households;
2. To expand production of and preserve affordable housing; and
3. To further the housing element of the local government comprehensive plan specific to affordable housing.

She highlighted the changes: Allocation of \$350,000 which is addressed in Section 420.9705 of the Florida Statute and Chapter 67-37, Florida Administrative Code; 20% of Special Needs will be set aside: The County will partner with social service agencies such as The Agency for People with Disabilities, Gadsden Community

Services Center, Capital Area Community Action Agency, and Gadsden Association Rehabilitation Center serving the designated special needs population to achieve the goal of the special needs set – aside. The goals will be met through the owner occupied rehabilitation, emergency repair and rental assistance strategies. She said they are going green with all as well with all things associated with the program such as paint, and energy star equipment, etc. She then gave a brief discussion of what was being discussed with the Plan:

- A. Purchase Assistance Program (Maximum award \$15,000 for closing cost and down payment)
- B. Emergency Repair (Maximum award amount is \$10,000 and they have to own home.)
- C. Owner accompany (Maximum award \$60,000)

Mrs. Venisee asked questions on if the Homeowner dies.

Mrs. DeSilva said if the homeowner dies and if someone is in the home that would like to assume the mortgage and meet qualifications they can do so. They have to be 22 years of age and meet the income qualifications.

- D. Foreclosure Prevention (Maximum award is \$3,000)
- E. Disaster Relief/Mitigation (Maximum award \$5,000 deemed by the Governor)

Section III, Incentive Strategies

- A. New Programs – Expedited Permitting
- B. Ongoing Review Process

Mr. Jeff Davis asked about the waiting list.

Mrs. DeSilva said we must take care of the 20% along with working on the waiting list.

UPON MOTION BY MR. RICHARD LOCKWOOD AND SECOND BY MR. JEFF DAVIS, A MOTION WAS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE, 6 - 0 BY VOICE VOTE, TO PASS THE SHIP LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN (LHAP) FOR 2017 - 2018, 2018 - 2019 AND 2019 – 2020.

Public Comments and Concerns on Non-Agenda Items (3 minute limit)

There were no additional comments or concerns.

Meeting(s) - TBA

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS TO ADDRESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:16 P.M.

ANITA DESILVA, SHIP DIRECTOR

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK OF COURT