

City of Palm Bay, Florida
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting 2023-04

Held on Wednesday, the 19th day of April 2023, at City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Housing and Community Development Division Office, City Hall Annex, Palm Bay, Florida.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thibert at approximately 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRPERSON:	Rebecca Thibert	Present
MEMBER:	Kera Beard	Present
MEMBER:	Dawn Bittar	Present
MEMBER:	Robert Good	Present
MEMBER:	Jamie Hirzel	Absent
MEMBER:	Kenneth Johnson	Present
MEMBER:	Henry Morin	Present
MEMBER:	Shenielle Walker	Present
MEMBER:	Jerry Williams	Present
MEMBER:	Cristina Wright	Present
BOARD ATTORNEY:	Rodney Edwards	Present

Mr. Johnson joined the meeting via teleconference.

STAFF MEMBERS:

Nancy Bunt, Director of Community and Economic Development; Ibis Berardi, Assistant Director of Community and Economic Development; Rodney Edwards, Deputy City Attorney; Elena Sarazua, Board Secretary.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2023-01; January 18, 2023

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Morin, to adopt the minutes as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)

There were no public comments.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no old/unfinished business.

PRESENTATIONS:

There were no presentations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Vice Chairperson

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Beard, to appoint Mr. Williams as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

2. SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) 2020-2023 Revisions

Ms. Bunt gave an overview of changes made to SHIP LHAP 2020-2023 amendments based on the current market.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Morin, to approve the SHIP LHAP revisions for Fiscal years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 and further recommend to City Council for adoption by resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

3. SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) 2023-2026

Ms. Bunt stated that SHIP LHAP 2023-2026 was identical to SHIP LHAP 2020-2023 and would be presented to City Council for future consideration.

Motion by Ms. Bittar, seconded by Ms. Thibert, to approve the SHIP LHAP for Fiscal Years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 and further recommend to City Council for adoption by resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Draft FY 2023-2024 Annual CDBG & HOME Action Plan

Ms. Bunt stated that the City received the funding allocation for 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). Some of the previously recommended funding amounts by the Board had slightly changed.

Ms. Bittar felt that \$482,379 CDBG funds allocated for Goode Park improvements could be used for other more important projects.

Chair Thibert expressed support for the Bus Voucher Program with Space Coast Area Transit.

Motion by Ms. Thibert, seconded by Ms. Beard, to approve the CDBG FY 2023-2024 Draft Annual Action Plan and further recommend to City Council for adoption at their regular Council meeting on May 4, 2023. Motion carried with members voting as follows:

Rebecca Thibert	Aye
Kera Beard	Aye
Dawn Bittar	Nay
Robert Good	Aye
Kenneth Johnson	Aye
Henry Morin	Aye
Shenielle Walker	Aye
Jerry Williams	Aye
Cristina Wright	Aye

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS:

1. Informational: Staff Report

Ms. Bunt spoke about several substantial amendments completed for CDBG funding in order for the City to meet the compliance deadline. Ms. Bunt provided a status update

on housing programs of CDBG, CDBG-CV1 (Coronavirus), CDBG-CV3, HOME, SHIP Program and Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

Ms. Bunt answered Mr. Morin's questions regarding CDBG Public Works Drainage project.

Ms. Beard spoke about Florida Housing trainings available and the upcoming Affordable Housing Conference in Orlando which she suggested a board member attend same.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:26 p.m.

Rebecca Thibert, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Elena Sarazua, BOARD SECRETARY