

TOWN OF BLUFFTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE
Electronic Meeting
Thursday, March 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman, Councilman Fred Hamilton; Councilman Dan Wood; Meg James; LeDeen Hangen; Denolis Polite and Jon Nickel

Absent: Gwen Chambers

Staff: Victoria Smalls, Community Development Coordinator; Heather Colin, Director of Growth Management; Kevin Icard, Planning and Community Development Director; Charlotte Moore, Principal Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hamilton called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Denolis Polite joined the meeting at 10:17 a.m. Gwen Chambers was absent.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Committee Member Nickel made a motion to adopt the March 4, 2021, Affordable Housing Committee Agenda. Committee Member James second the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – February 4, 2021

Committee Member Nickel made a motion to adopt the March 4, 2021, Affordable Housing Committee meeting minutes. Councilman Wood second the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Neighborhood Assistance Program Budget Update

Staff Smalls provided a monthly report, including the available program budget and amount spent as of February 25, 2021. She stated that two

applicants were waiting on work estimates, and that work was underway for three homeowners.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

IX. DISCUSSION

Councilman Hamilton asked Staff Icard if there has been any contact with the contract developers. Icard stated that as of today there had not been any contact, but he would follow up and email the committee with any information.

Committee Member Nickel asked for follow up into the Humanities Foundation, an affordable housing organization out of Charleston. Staff Smalls responded that she reached out through email and voicemail and is awaiting response. Smalls also signed up for the newsletter that the Foundation puts out.

Councilman Hamilton mentioned that the Crowne at One Seventy Apartments in the Village at Verdier area sent him an email with apartment availability that would be ready in April. Two-bedroom apartments would be going for \$1028 and 1-bedroom apartments would be going for \$899. The rent is based on the apartment complex affordable housing scale. Councilman Wood stated that the Crowne apartments owed the Town of Bluffton a few Affordable-Workforce Housing Units. Icard will investigate this matter and get back with the board.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hamilton adjourned the March 4, 2021 Affordable Housing Committee Meeting at 10:21 a.m.