COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD (CDAB) MINUTES OF MEETING CONDUCTED April 12, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

John M. Crossman

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James R. Cowan
Pastor James T. Morris
Rena Peterson
Patty G. Cloy
Nathaniel Jenkins
Sara Cunnard

COUNTY STAFF

Mitchell Glasser, Manager, HCD Janna Souvorova, Chief Planner, HCD Inalbert Ramos, Sr. Planning and Development Assistant, HCD Yetzenia Negron, Sr. Planning and Development Assistant, HCD Shawn Tan, Program Development Supervisor, HCD

GUESTS

2019 Fair Housing Bus Tour attendees and staff from the Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Janna Souvorova, HCD staff, opened the meeting for public comments. There were no public comments.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2019 Fair Housing Bus Tour

Ms. Souvorova introduced staff members present at the meeting, and 2019 Fair Housing Bus Tour attendees introduced themselves.

The bus tour started at 11:15 a.m. The following affordable housing developments and community facilities were visited during the tour:

- 1. Brixton Landing Senior Housing (442 E. 13th St., Apopka, FL 32703);
- 2. Arbor Bend and Juniper Bend subdivisions (13th St., Apopka, FL 32703);
- 3. Wellington Park Apartments (1225 Apley Cir., Apopka, FL 32703);
- 4. Ivey Lane Health Clinic (4426 Old Winter Garden Rd., Orlando, FL 32811)

During the bus tour, Orange County staff highlighted the National Community Development Week, to be announced during the April 23rd Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting. It was also noted that April was proclaimed as Fair Housing Awareness Month during the April 9th BCC meeting.

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Ms. Souvorova explained that Fair Housing is a statutory requirement and an important part of any affordable housing and community development initiatives undertaken by Orange County. Jeffrey Hussey, from Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, reviewed basics of Fair Housing laws and regulations and provided information on reasonable accommodations and modifications. Additional fair housing topics discussed during the bus tour included the history of the Fair Housing Act and sexual harassment in housing, among others. At the bus tour stops. Board members and tour attendees learned about the projects, specifics of project funding, and various partnerships that took place in order to make those projects happen.

Bus tour attendees and Board members also learned about the Housing for All Task Force launched by Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings to encourage community engagement in addressing affordable housing issues and associated challenges faced by the County.

At the end of the bus tour, attendees had an opportunity to ask additional questions about fair housing initiatives and affordable housing and community development programs offered by Orange County, such as Housing Rehabilitation Program and Down Payment Assistance Program. More information about those programs was included in the handouts distributed to all bus tour participants.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Approved:

John M. Crossman

CDAB Chairman

Janna Souvorova

Housing and Community Development Division