

PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Honorable Chairman and  
Members of the Board of  
County Commissioners

DATE: 5/20/08 FILE: CD08-270

THRU: Michael Nurrenbrock  
OMB Director

SUBJECT: Affordable Housing Advisory  
Committee (AHAC) Membership

FROM: George Romagnoli, AICP  
Community Development  
Manager

REFERENCES: All Commission Districts

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It is recommended that the data herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

In 2007, the statutes that regulated the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program were changed to require the re-creation of the AHAC. The AHAC was required when SHIP began in 1993. The AHAC's responsibilities are to review policies, land development regulations, the comprehensive plan, and other aspects that affect the cost of housing, and also recommend actions to encourage affordable housing. The AHAC must write a plan that is due to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation by the end of the year.

By statute, the 11 members must represent different industries or interest areas. The following are the different industries and interest areas that are required and the recommendation by the Community Development Division of who should be placed in that position:

- One citizen who is actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing.  
The recommendation for this position is Ms. Shelly Johnson, an attorney who is currently the President of the Pasco Builders Association, and represents the Pasco County Housing Authority.
- One citizen who is actively engaged in the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing.  
The recommendation for this position is Ms. Amy Pollock, Vice President of Florida Traditions Bank in Dade City.
- One citizen who is a representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in home building in connection with affordable housing.  
We are still looking for a person to fill this position.
- One citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing.  
The recommendation for this position Ms. Susan Arnett, President of the Pasco County United Way.
- One citizen who is actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing.  
The recommendation for this position is Ms. Katherine Britton, owner of Coldwell Banker – Kathy Britton and Associates, Inc., in Dade City.
- One citizen who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing.  
The recommendation for this position is Mr. John Finnerty, President/CEO of East Pasco Habitat for Humanity.
- One citizen who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing.  
The recommendation for this position is Ms. Jennifer France, a real estate broker with First Choice Realty in New Port Richey and former President of the West Pasco Board of Realtors.
- One citizen who resides within the jurisdiction of the local governing body making the appointments.  
The recommendation for this position is Dr. Robert Robertson, Director of Graduate Studies at St. Leo University and a former city manager and planner.
- One citizen who represents employers within the jurisdiction.  
The recommendation for this position is Mr. Ralph Cumbee, President of First Community Bank of Pasco.
- One citizen who represents essential services personnel, as defined in the local housing assistance plan.  
The recommendation for this position is Mr. Matthew Kamat, a police officer with the City of Tampa who lives in the Pasco side of Odessa and grew up in Pasco County.
- One citizen who actively serves on the local planning agency pursuant to s. 163.3174.  
This appointment will need to be made by the Board.

ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS:

1. The Board may approve the resolution appointing the members of the AHAC, and appoint a representative from the local planning agency to be a member.
2. The Board may appoint others than on the list to the AHAC, and appoint a representative from the local planning agency to be a member

RECOMMENDATION AND FUNDING

The Community Development Division recommends that the Board approve Alternative No. 1, and appoint the recommended list to the AHAC, and also appoint a representative from the local planning agency to be a member of the AHAC.

No funding is required for this action.