

RESOLUTION 99- 61

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ABOLISHING THE HOUSING REVITALIZATION AGENCY; ESTABLISHING THE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE; SPECIFYING RESPONSIBILITIES AND APPOINTMENT TERMS; NAMING SUPPORT STAFF; SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION 97-17; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), authorized by Resolution 93-62, was abolished by Resolution 95-58, having completed its primary purpose of writing a Local Housing Incentive Plan and its two-year term; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County established the Housing Revitalization Agency by Resolution 95-59 to provide continued citizen input and to expand the responsibilities of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Revitalization Agency's appointment terms, responsibilities, and membership specifications were clarified by Resolution 97-17; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") wishes to consolidate and strengthen affordable housing efforts by itself, staff, and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Housing Revitalization Agency (HRA) is hereby abolished, effective May 30, 1999. Members whose terms have not expired and who wish to continue serving on the County's housing committee may apply for appointment to the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC).

SECTION 2. In substitution, the Housing Advisory Committee is established, appointed for terms specified in Section 4, or such other periods designated by the Board.

SECTION 3. Responsibilities of the Housing Advisory Committee shall consist of but not be limited to the following activities:

A. To recommend to the Board the prioritizing of housing and community development needs for long-range planning.

B. To advise the Board on the most effective uses for the SHIP allocation and other related monies available to the County.

C. To advise the Board of affordable housing and community development grants, projects, proposed developments, and issues impacting very-low, low, and moderate income residents of St. Johns County, and to recommend the County's participation if appropriate.

D. To continue the original AHAC responsibility of reviewing "...the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and adopted local comprehensive plan of the appointing local government and shall recommend specific initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value." (Florida Statutes 420.9076 (4)). This charge shall include evaluation of Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) and other housing developments proposed in St. Johns County to ensure that adequate affordable housing is provided by such developments.

E. To serve as the Board's designated County Public Housing Agency if appropriate, and as the advisory committee for other housing and community development programs if needed.

F. To serve as the County's designated affordable housing and community development committee. Existing County boards and committees, including but not limited to, the Planning and Zoning Agency; Development Review Committee; Housing Finance Authority; Health and Human Services Advisory Council; and a future economic development committee, are hereby directed to relay information pertinent to furthering and facilitating affordable housing efforts to the HAC via its primary support staff member.

G. To resolve misunderstandings regarding the SHIP or other housing or community development programs, or, if appropriate, to refer appeals to the Board for resolution.

H. To serve St. Johns County by completing other related duties as assigned by the Board or the County Administrator, acting as the Board's agent.

SECTION 4. The HAC shall be composed of members who are residents of St. Johns County and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board regardless of appointed terms. Each Commissioner may nominate one representative from his or her district. The Board shall fill the initial HAC by two appointments for two years, one appointment for three years, and two appointments for four years. Thereafter, appointments or reappointments shall be for four years.

SECTION 5. The Board shall appoint one of its members to serve as liaison and report to the Board on the HAC's activities. The staff support shall be the SHIP Administrator or like person, designated by the County Administrator.

SECTION 6. In order to provide further representation and input from the community, the appointed staff support may designate up to four advisors. These advisors may attend meetings and participate in discussions, but cannot vote, and shall not be deemed HAC members. These advisors may be requested by name or organization, representing housing fields such as, but not limited to, the following:

- A. A representative of a non-profit housing organization which is a low-income advocate;
- B. A representative of a local residential mortgage banking or lending institution which is participating in the SHIP or similar housing program in St. Johns County;
- C. A representative of the real estate industry who is affiliated with the St. Augustine/St. Johns County Board of Realtors;
- D. A representative of residential building construction, who may be recommended by the St. Johns Builders Council or similar local association(s);

SECTION 7. No HAC member shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or proposed contract for services to be used in connection with SHIP, a Public Housing Agency, or other program, grant, or entity involving County funds. If any conflict of interest occurs during the business of the HAC, member shall immediately disclose the same in writing, and the disclosure entered into the minutes of the HAC. Failure to disclose such interest shall constitute misconduct in office. These provisions supplement provisions of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 8. The HAC shall be subject to all policies governing committees, boards, or agencies established by the Board.

SECTION 9. This Resolution shall supersede Resolution 97-17.

SECTION 10. This Resolution becomes effective on the date it is passed and adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13 day of April, 1999.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: Marc A. Jacalone
Marc A. Jacalone, Chairman

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By: Patricia DeStefano
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