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**MEETING MINUTES
WELLINGTON
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 6, 2022
6:30 PM
Wellington Village Hall
12300 Forest Hill Boulevard
Wellington, FL 33414**

Pursuant to the public notice, a meeting of Wellington's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee was held on December 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, Florida 33414.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Christian Santa-Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Members present: Councilwoman Tanya Siskind; John Greene; Elliott Johnson; Juan Pagan; Satyanarayana Polineni; Kesnel Theus, Jr.

Members Absent: Thomas Hind and Kathy Langley.

Staff present: Christian Santa-Gonzalez, Planner; Michael O'Dell, Assistant Director of Planning, Zoning and Building.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Santa-Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. REQUEST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY

None.

IV. ROLL CALL

Members present: Tanya Siskind, Councilwoman; John Greene; Elliott Johnson; Juan Pagan; Satyanarayana Polineni; Kesnel Theus, Jr.

Members Absent: Thomas Hind and Kathy Langley.

Staff present: Michael O'Dell, Assistant Director of Planning, Zoning and Building; Christian Santa-Gonzalez, Planner.

V. INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Santa-Gonzalez asked staff and Committee members to make self-introductions.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

AHAC-1 SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Santa-Gonzalez introduced the item.

Councilwoman Tanya Siskind, nominated Kesnel Theus, Jr as Chair with no objections.

John Greene, nominated Elliott Johnson as Vice-Chair.

Mr. Elliott Johnson commented he was honored and would serve as Vice-Chair as long as the members agree to allow him to attend virtually due to work travel conditions.

Mr. John Greene responded he appreciates the transparency and asked staff what the remote policy is for remote attendance.

Mr. Michael O'Dell responded remote attendance is allowed as the Committee is not a quasi-judicial and does not see any future items being quasi-judicial votes.

A motion was made by John Greene, seconded by Kesnel Theus, Jr., to nominate Kesnel Theus, Jr as Chair and Elliott Johnson as Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) with Thomas Hind and Kathy Langley absent.

AHAC-2 PRESENTATION BY PLANNING AND ZONING DIVISION

Mr. Santa-Gonzalez introduced the item.

Mr. Santa-Gonzalez presented the item with supporting comments from Mr. O'Dell. The presentation consisted of the responsibilities and duties for the Wellington Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) and Wellington housing incentives.

AHAC-3 DISCUSSION OF 2022-2023 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM (LWCR) GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SCOTT'S PLACE PARK.

Mr. Santa-Gonzalez introduced the item.

Mr. O'Dell commented that Wellington is seeking a grant for Scott's Place Park a barrier free playground located in Town Center.

Councilwoman Tanya Siskind commented on the great job staff is doing in effort to acquire grant dollars and thanked staff. Mr. Pagan asked where he and the public may research grant opportunities. Mr. O'Dell answered Mr. Pagan's question. No further discussion was made.

VII. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

None.

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS

Mr. Greene asked what the recommendations are from staff in reference to the amount of times to meet and when to submit the Incentives Report to Wellington Council. Mr. Greene also inquired on legal limitations for committee members when a conflict of interest may arise and if so what the members must do in the event an issue is present.

Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Santa-Gonzalez answered Mr. Greene's question.

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date

Kesnel Theus, Jr.-Chair

Christian Santa-Gonzalez-Committee Liaison