

# Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd.  
Wellington, FL 33414*



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Village Hall**

### **Affordable Housing Advisory Committee**

*Tanya Siskind (Elected Official)*

*John Bowers*

*John Greene*

*Elliott Johnson*

*Juan Pagan*

*Satyanarayana Polineni*

*Diana Stevens*

*Kesnel Theus, Jr.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Christian Santa-Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Committee Members in attendance: Tanya Siskind, Councilwoman; Elliot Johnson; Juan Pagan; John Greene; Diana Stevens; Satyanarayana Polineni.

Committee Members absent: Kesnel Theus Jr.; John Bowers.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Santa-Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The members and staff did not request any changes to the agenda.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. [AHAC-16](#)**

Mr. Santa-Gonzalez introduced the item and welcomed the presenter, Mr. Jonathan Brown, to the podium.

Mr. Brown presented the Palm Beach County Affordable Housing Bond Program to the members. Mr. Brown provided a brief background history of the \$200 million bond program that was approved by Palm Beach County Commissioners and by a referendum vote on November 2023. The presentation included information regarding the program criteria, types of housing assistance, and updates to the current Requests for Proposals (RFP) which are due within the next several weeks.

Mr. Greene asked staff if any of the recent development projects are required or have been encouraged to build any affordable housing dwelling units. Mr. Tim Stillings answered the question. Councilwoman Siskind added to the comment that developers haven't asked council to build any affordable housing units but she would promote the construction of affordable housing units in the community.

Members inquired questions regarding the types of loans and financial incentives the program provided to interested developers, the minimum amount of financial assistance the program provides to purchase lots for construction, and if the grant assistance have to be paid back. Mr. Brown

answered all the questions.

Mr. Greene asked staff what role and responsibility the committee members have as it relates to the Florida State Statutes. Mr. Santa-Gonzalez answered the role of this committee is to advise Wellington Council of any recommended housing incentives determined by members to benefit the community based on affordable housing needs and assessment. He additionally stated the responsibility of the committee is to review and approve the Housing Incentives Strategies Report as a recommendation to Council on a year-to-year basis

**B.**     [AHAC-15](#)

**Attachments:**     [a1. Palm Beach County HOUSING FOR ALL PLAN.12.26.2023](#)

Mr. Santa-Gonzalez introduced the item and introduced the presenter, Mr. Elliot Johnson.

Mr. Johnson presented a PowerPoint regarding the Palm Beach County Housing For All Plan and his involvement with the plan. Mr. Johnson provided a introduction and intent of the plan to encourage and promote the construction, rehabilitation and preservation for more than 20,000 affordable housing units in the county.

The members discussed the advantages and benefits of the plan. Members additionally commented the policies and actions of this plan can be a model to Wellington's regulations. The members agreed to further review the plan at the next meeting to evaluate and possibly promote ideas into Wellington's regulations.

Mr. Johnson additionally commented that the committee makes the greatest impact by recommending actionable regulations based on the approved Housing Incentives Strategies Report.

Mr. Greene made a comment that he would like to meet more frequently so that the members can make a greater impact in addressing their roles and responsibility. All members were in agreement and Mr. Greene made a motion to meet on a quarterly basis. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**V.     APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A**     [AHAC-17](#)

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes13-Feb-2024](#)

Motion made by Mr. Pagan, seconded by Mr. Greene. The motion passes unanimously.

**VI. STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Santa-Gonzalez commented he will schedule a presentation regarding the Live Local Act. He additionally stated the next meeting will include an agenda item to discuss recommendations to the Housing Incentives Strategies Report.

**VII. BOARD COMMENTS**

The committee agreed to tentatively meet Monday, May 6th at 6:00 pm. No further comment was made.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No members of the public were present.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

**NOTICE**