

Leon County
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
May 6, 2026
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Bruce Strouble
Tee Thompson
Christie Perkins
Michael Parker
Victoria AllSaints-Cole

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Nick Maddox
Lawrence Tobe
Oral Payne, Vice Chair
Will Shepherd
Danielle Andrews
Sean Morgan, Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Abigail Thomas, HSCP Director
Jelani Marks, Housing Services Manager
Daniel Rigo, County Attorney Office
Chelisa Kirkland, Affordable Housing Coordinator

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Item # I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 10:08 a.m. by Michael Parker.

Item # II. Roll Call

Mr. Parker asked committee members and staff to introduce themselves. Quorum was not confirmed.

Mr. Parker postponed approving May 6, 2026, agenda and March 11, 2026, meeting minutes until a quorum is reached. Members agreed to revise the order of the meeting and skip to the Old Business.

Item #III. Old Business

Local Option Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption

Mr. Marks stated that the County passed a Local Property Tax Exemption that allows developers to provide affordable housing for up to 50 units while reducing operating costs. The exemption was approved at the February meeting.

Tee Thompson arrived at 10:12 a.m., and attendance was updated accordingly.

Wallis Street CLT Groundbreaking Recap

Mr. Marks updated the committee on the groundbreaking ceremony for the Wallis Street Project, which was held on March 13, 2026.

Director Abigail Thomas also provided an update on the Tallahassee Lenders Consortium Land Trust's Birmingham Street Project. She noted that four single female homebuyers purchased homes through the project, with the youngest homebuyer being 21 years old.

2026 Home Expo Recap

Mr. Marks explained the purpose of the 2026 Home Expo and provided committee members with the gift bags that were distributed to citizens who attended the event. The Home Expo featured more than two dozen vendors and attracted over 120 attendees.

Update on YIGBY

Mr. Marks explained YIGBY "Yes in God's Backyard," a growing social and legislative movement that encourages faith-based organizations to utilize underused land to develop affordable housing.

Housing Services will host a YIGBY workshop on July 22, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A calendar invitation will be sent to all AHAC members.

Item # IV. Approval of May 6, 2026, Agenda

Quorum was not established.

Item # V. Approval of March 11, 2026, Minutes

Quorum was not established.

Item #VI. Public Comments on Un-agendaed Items

No members of the public were present.

Items # VII. New Business

Upcoming Homeownership Development Project

Mr. Marks provided an update on the HOD Wallis Street project that is currently under construction.

Item # VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting ended at 11:22 a.m.

ATTEST:

Minutes approved on 9/9/20


Sean Morgan, Chair, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee