

**MONTHLY AGENDA
NONPROFIT HOUSING ROUNDTABLE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
Wednesday, March 26, 2008 @ 8:20 A.M.**

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**East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 631 N. Wymore Rd, Suite 100, Maitland,
FL 32751, (for location, go to web site at www.ecfrpc.org, or call 407-623-1075)**

MISSION: To increase the supply of decent affordable housing provided by nonprofit organizations to low and very low income families through coordination among non-profits to enhance capabilities, expand funding opportunities, maximize training, and develop new partnerships.

<u>Time (Min)</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
8:00-8:30	Networking between members and guests
8:30-8:35	Introduction of members/guests (Katie Porta)
8:35-8:40	Approval of minutes
8:40-9:25	Speaker — Stephanie Porta, ACORN Speaker — Renae Brown, Florida Commission on Human Relations
9:25-9:35	Other Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Municipal Reports● County Reports● Others Adjourn

THE NONPROFIT HOUSING ROUNDTABLE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA -- ACTION PLAN

- Goal 1. To educate the entire community on the role of the nonprofit sector as an important partner in the housing delivery process.
- a. Communicate housing and nonprofit needs to local area government
 - b. Develop quantifiable goals for the Roundtable to allow for evaluation of this organization's effectiveness.
 - c. Invite guest speakers to speak monthly. Pick out topic relevant to nonprofit housing providers (i.e. management, development, underwriting) and have speaker make 30 minute presentation.
- Goal 2. To pool skills and resources of nonprofit housing producers and housing support agencies
- a. To use the nonprofit Roundtable to gain organizational and functional strength to achieve our mission by convening regular meetings to share information, and to plan and coordinate activities of the participating nonprofits
 - b. To evaluate and prepare an annual plan that quantifies projects and funding needs of the participating nonprofits and prepare joint funding support request to the various funding entities
 - c. To promote and support emerging nonprofit housing organizations.
- Goal 3. To pursue various partnership opportunities and linkages with for-profit developers and builders.
- a. Strengthen relationships between nonprofits and private sector
 - b. To become active participants in the Homebuilder's association to cultivate support of for-profit developers and builders and to seek out opportunities for joint-ventures, other business relationships and mentoring.
- Goal 4. To pursue activities that would increase the availability of low cost funds to nonprofits.
- a. Subscribe to legislative, funding resource. Monitor and report on upcoming funding programs.
 - b. Develop calendar of funding source with contact, deadline and summary information.
- Goal 5. To pursue activities that would encourage governments to provide grants and loans to nonprofits for technical assistance and housing production.

Membership and Invited Guests

MEMBERS

Accessible Alternatives, Inc.
Centaur
Center for Independent Living
Center for Affordable Housing
Central Florida Community Reinvestment Corp
Central Florida Homebuyer Counseling Collaborative
Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida
Community Housing Partners Corporation
Consumer Credit Counseling Svc of Central FL
Cornerstone
Golden Rule Housing
Grand Avenue Economic CDC
Greater Orlando Legal Services
Greater Orlando Association of Realtors (p)

HANDS

Home and Neighborhood Development Center
Homes in Partnership, Inc.
John Huguenard & Associates
Legal Aid Society
Metropolitan Urban League, Inc.
Orlando Housing Authority
Orlando Neighborhood Improvement Crop (ONIC)
Parramore Heritage Renovation Foundation
RAIN Foundation, The
Quest
Restore Orlando
Salvation Army
Seminole County SHIP Program
Seniors First
South Lake Community Foundation
St. Margaret Mary Church
Sunshine State Affordable Housing
University of Florida - Shinberg Center

ADVISORY ORGANIZATIONS

City Of Orlando Office of Housing
East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Fannie Mae Foundation
Florida Low Income Housing Coalition
Orange Co. Dept. of Community Development
Orange County Housing Finance Authority
Osceola Planning Dept.
Sanford Housing Authority
US Department of HUD
USDA – Rural Development
Winter Park Housing Authority

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Fannie Mae Foundation
Federal Trust Bank
Fugleberg Koch Architects
Keystone Challenge Fund
Republic Bank
The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation
Wachovia Bank
Washington Mutual

INVITED GUESTS

Affordable Housing by Lake
Alco-Rest, Inc.
American Home Funding
American Heritage Mortgage
Anne Frost Real Estate Center
Association of Realtors
Bank of America
Better Image Foundation
Center for Independent Living
Central Florida Homebuilder's Association
CGMS, Inc.
Charlan, Brock & Associates
Colonial Mortgage Company
Commonwealth United Mortgage
Corrine Brown
ERA Preferred Properties
Farmworkers Association
Federal Home Loan Bank
First Union Bank
Florida Low Income Housing Coalition
Graham & Cottrill, P.A.
Huntington Mortgage
Liberty National Bank
Mathis Law Firm
Norwest Mfg.
Orange Blossom Trail Development Board
Orange County - Children's Services
Orange County - Human Services
Orlando Public Housing Authority
Pinnacle Financial Corporation
Real Estate Professionals
Renee Stein
Seminole Chamber of Commerce
SunTrust
The Bank of Winter Park
Thomas Mortgage

Guest Speaker 1 ACORN

Stephanie Porta directs the local ACORN office and will be on-hand to talk about her organization.

ACORN, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, a community organization of low- and moderate-income families that addresses housing, schools, neighborhood safety, health care, job conditions, and other social issues that affect its members. With a membership of over 350,000, ACORN is organized into more than 850 neighborhood chapters in over 100 cities across the United States, as well as in Argentina, Canada, Mexico, and Peru. The organization was born out of the American Civil Rights Movement.

Some of the issues tackled by ACORN, include:

Predatory Lending: ACORN has fought against lending practices that it sees as predatory by targeting the national companies that practice them, working for stronger state laws against predatory practices, organizing against local financial scams, and steering individuals toward loan counseling.

Living Wages: Living wage ordinances require private businesses that do business with the government to pay their workers a wage that enables them to afford basic necessities. ACORN is a leader in the national living wage movement and has helped pass local living wage laws in fifteen cities including Chicago, Oakland, Denver, and New York City.

Affordable Housing: ACORN has organized tenant unions, pushed for inclusionary zoning, and sought fair and increased access to low-interest home loans.

Guest Speaker 2
Florida Commission on Human Relations

Ms. Renae Brown works for the Florida Commission on Human Relations. She is located in Metro Orlando and is conducting a HUD follow-up study on housing discrimination against Hispanics in Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties. In 2000, HUD found that:

- 1 in 4 Hispanics are DENIED an opportunity to rent an apartment or a house.
- Hispanics are often charged a higher rent and higher deposit just because of their national origin, regardless of being a citizen or not.
- Hispanic women are solicited for sexual favors in exchange for not being evicted from their apartment.

Ms. Brown will be on-hand to share with the Roundtable the study that she is working on, plus inquire about any education and outreach opportunities in the Hispanic community within Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties.