

Minutes
Nonprofit Housing Roundtable Table Meeting
Monday, March 27, 2017

Attendance: Joyce Odongo (Wells Fargo), Kimberlee Riley (Ability Housing), Carole Mason (Wayne Densch Center), Kim Hengehold (United Legacy Bank), Shelley Lauten (Central FL Commission on Homelessness), Dana Ward (Orlando Regional Real Estate Foundation), Bob Caldwell (Orlando Regional Real Estate Foundation), Alfred Arzuaga (City of Orlando), Linda Rhinesmith (City of Orlando), Judith Kovisars (Winter Park Housing Commissioner)

The following were discussion points from our meeting;

- Information was passed out on the Federal Home Loan Bank Atl, Housing Floridian Program. It is a program that will provide \$3 million in grant fund to local housing authorities for persons looking to purchase a home. Eligible persons can get up to \$22,000 in down payment assistance. For more information contact Rob Boyd (404-888-8366), ShaDonte Butler (404-888-8416) or Cassandra Madden (404-888-5321).
- Wells Fargo Bank will be initiating a large funding program to assist the African American Community later this year. For more information contact Joyce Odongo (joyce.r.odongo@wellsfargo.com)
- It was suggested that Metroplan Orlando and Orlando Economic Partnership be added to the mailing list.
- An overview of the Roundtable and specific objectives were presented.
- It was felt that a key was to focus on a couple of important topics and be cautious of being too broad. This will be discussed at future Advisory Committee meetings.
- Affordability is critical when talking about housing. It was felt that two factors were important - both the cost of housing and the cost of transportation. As we move forward, it will be important to keep both of these in mind.
- One of the objectives was to build the email contact list to include non-housing providers. Although this was felt to be a good idea, we need to cautious and concentrate on housing issues only. It was felt that non-housing organizations may actually be good advocates for affordable housing and as such, we should strive to keep them involved in the process.
- One of the areas which the Roundtable could help with is the collection and dissemination of information pertinent to housing. It was suggested that we strive to maintain collaborative relationships with such organizations as the Shimberg Center, Central FL Regional Planning Council etc.
- Another area of interest is reducing regulations and hurdles to the production/renovation of affordable housing. Orange County has actively been discussing these topics and we should keep in contact with them.
- When talking about accumulating data, we should be aware of local resources such as Rollins College and UCF. They can always be called on to do specific research.
- Another area which the Roundtable can assist is the introduction of best practices and trying to communicate these to the members.
- It was felt that we should define Central Florida as Orange, Osceola and Seminole County. It has been difficult to engage Osceola due to the distance and it was determined that we need to

continue to try to engage.

- Looking ahead, here is the projected meeting schedule for the remainder of 2017;

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>
April/May (a)	Discovery Meeting. These will include three(3) two (2) hour meetings all held in one day. A facilitator will be used to coordinate these meetings. One session will be nonprofit and for-profit developers. A second session will be government and a third session will be homeowners and renters. The goal is to seek input as to the need for affordable housing, what are some solutions, and what role can an organization such as the Roundtable play. More specific goals and questions are to be formulated prior to these meetings.
Advisory Comm(April)	This is the original small group consisting of the people attending the January meeting, as well as anyone who was absent. This meeting will be held sometime between the April and May Roundtable meetings. We will discuss findings from the Discovery meetings and how to incorporate this information into the re-start of the Roundtable.
May 5/24/17)	Roundtable meeting. This will be the second quarterly meeting. Much of the time will be focused on findings from the Discovery meetings and how they impact the Roundtable.
Advisory Comm(July)	Meet between May and August. This working group will continue to discuss and refine the re-start of the Roundtable. Discussions will also include the type and makeup of a governing board.
August (8/16/17)	Roundtable meeting. This will be the third quarterly meeting and will seek to further clarify specifics of the Roundtable re-start.
Advisory Comm (Oct)	Meet between August and November. This working group will continue to discuss and refine the re-start of the Roundtable.
November (11/8/17)	Roundtable meeting. This is the last quarterly meeting for 2017. Hopefully by now the structure of the Roundtable will be defined and there will be significant by-in to the organization.

(a) Date to be determined

Actual Advisory meeting dates to be determined later