

City of Valdosta Fair Housing Committee

Monthly Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, October 13, 2016 5:30-6:30

City of Valdosta – City Hall Annex, Multi-Purpose Room

Members Present: Pastor David Adams, Kelly Strozier, Herbert Williams

City Staff Present: Vanassa Flucas and Sarah Lowe

The Meeting was called to order by Ms. Vanassa Flucas at 5:30 p.m., followed by an invocation given by Pastor Adams.

Ms. Flucas gave a brief statement to the Committee members present regarding their status and asked for each committee member to let her know if they would like to cycle off and/or continue with their involvement in the Fair Housing Committee. Ms. Flucas also shared the current vacancies within the Fair Housing Committee along with other City of Valdosta Committees.

A moment was given for all Committee members to review the January Meeting Minutes. Pastor Adams made a motion to approve the January minutes as written. Ms. Strozier seconded the motion. The January Meeting Minutes were approved.

The Savannah Tour held this past spring was discussed further. As a result of the tour, there have been three “Think Tank” meetings. Full update given regarding the three meetings was shared including what steps are currently being taken in preparation to apply for grants and funding for the revitalization of Ora Lee West. The Choice Neighborhood Grant was one of the grants mentioned.

Electing new Fair Housing Committee officers had already been discussed briefly at the beginning of the meeting but all further discussion on possible elections and new member roles will be tabled until we meet again in January 2017.

The Housing Summit event held on October 8th was discussed along with the feedback received. The citizens who attended the Housing Summit enjoyed getting to meet a few of their council members and felt better informed on some of the City of Valdosta programs available such as the Click and Fix mobile app.

The Workforce Housing Survey was distributed to each member and discussed. Members were encouraged to participate and asked to share with the community.

A reminder was given for the upcoming Bulk Trash Amnesty event. The Committee was also informed of the new event The Azalea City Yard Showcase taking place in November.

The Focus Group Survey Results were brought up during open discussion. The citizens whom participated in this survey should be able to see the results and the steps taken by the City as a result of the feedback should be published. For now all further discussion will be tabled but this can be made a priority when we return in January 2017.

There were no additional agenda items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.