



# Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson  
Way  
Viera, FL 32940

## New Business - Community Services Group

J.5.

12/20/2022

### Subject:

Board Consideration, Re: Appointment to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

### Fiscal Impact:

Staffing for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee is funded through State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program grant funds and equates to approximately \$2,600 per year (for direct Committee support). There will be no impact to the General Fund.

### Dept/Office:

Housing and Human Services

### Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners consider the application of John Hopengarten for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and consider his appointment as the member representing the Local Planning Agency pursuant to Section 163.3174.

**Option 1:** Appoint Mr. Hopengarten to the AHAC with a term that will expire on June 30, 2024.

**Option 2:** Direct staff to initiate procedures to readvertise the seat representing the Local Planning Agency and bring back a list of qualified candidates.

### Summary Explanation and Background:

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) is a state mandated board (Florida Statute 420.9076), which allows Brevard County to receive State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds. The AHAC makes recommendations to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners on the allocation of funds from the state SHIP program, the Federal HOME Program, and other federal and state funds which allow the county discretion in the determination of housing priorities. Additionally, they review established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and the adopted comprehensive plan of the county, in order to recommend specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of properties to appreciate in value.

The AHAC consists of members who represent specific categories, per the Statute, including one county resident who actively serves on a Local Planning Agency (LPA). The current AHAC Member who sits in this position has resigned from the Council. As part of the solicitation on the County Advisory Board website for vacancies, Mr. John Hopengarten applied indicating he could fit in several categories (see attached application) including this vacancy.

### Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None



Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board, 400 South Street • P.O. Box 999, Titusville, Florida 32781-0999

Telephone: (321) 637-2001  
Fax: (321) 264-6972  
Kimberly.Powell@brevardclerk.us

**February 6, 2023**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director

**RE:** Item J.5., Appointment to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC)

**This is to correct the memorandum dated December 21, 2022.** The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on December 20, 2022, considered and approved appointing of John Hopengarten to the AHAC with term expiring June 30, 2024.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

*for: Deanna Scott*  
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

/ns



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Housing and Human Services**

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way  
Building B, Suite 106  
Viera, Florida 32940

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT**

Date of Application: 9/12/2022

Council position you are applying for (See attached list of Affordable Housing Advisory Council positions)

Name / Title: John Hopengarten

Address City / State / Zip: 515 Allen Dr

Merritt Island

FL 52

Business Phone: 3214581337

Home Phone

Cell Phone: 7274882111

Fax

E-Mail: john.h@westchasegrp.com

I have lived in Brevard County for 2+ years.

In which Commission District do you live? 2

I prefer to receive correspondence by: ☐ E-Mail ☐ Fax ☒ U.S. Postal Service

Occupation (Firm & Duties)

Westchase Group, Inc. Real Estate Development and Construction Management

List Education Degrees and/or Licenses:

Bachelor of Science in Architecture; Florida licensed real estate broker

What special skills, experiences or qualifications do you bring to this position?

I have been employed in the real estate development field for over 30 years. I have specialized skills in the design and construction industry. I have designed and built a diverse group of projects from single family homes to airports. I have prepared construction budgets, negotiated design and construction contracts. I have knowledge in almost all building methods, materials and techniques. I currently serve on the Brevard County Local Planning Agency. I am the Chairman of the ICOC for the 1/2 penny tax.

Meetings are held on Thursdays from 4 - 6 pm about every 6 weeks at the Brevard County Government Center at Viera. Can you attend? ☒ Yes ☐ No

By Florida Statutes, the Affordable Housing Council must be made up of persons representing different interests and professions. Please mark all of the position(s) that you believe you could represent on the Council and are interested in serving.

- ☒ One Brevard County resident who is actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing.
- ☐ One Brevard County resident who is actively engaged in the banking or mortgage industry in connection with affordable housing.
- ☐ One Brevard County resident who is a representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in home building in connection with affordable housing.
- ☐ One Brevard County resident who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing.
- ☐ One Brevard County resident who is actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing.
- ☐ One Brevard County resident who is actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing.
- ☒ One Brevard County resident who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing.
- ☒ One Brevard County resident who actively serves on the local planning agency pursuant to s.163.3174.
- ☒ One Brevard County resident who resides within the jurisdiction of the local governing body making the appointments.
- ☐ One Brevard County resident who represents employers within the jurisdiction.
- ☐ One Brevard County resident who represents essential services personnel, as defined in the local housing assistance plan.

*JOHN HOPENGARTEN*

Applicant Signature

**For Staff Use:**

Board Member will be a representative for the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ sector in accordance with the County Affordable Housing Ordinance.