Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Task Force

Re-established Pursuant to Resolution No. 19-1.1 – January 8, 2019

Powers & Duties:

The Task Force shall have the responsibilities as set forth in the Citizen Participation Plan concerning the Community Development Block Grant program and Section 73C-23.0041, F.A.C., as amended from time to time. The Task Force will meet to discuss community needs and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The Task Force is to provide input relative to all phases of the project process and offer recommendations as it deems appropriate.

How Appointed:

The Task Force shall be composed of five members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Each member shall be a resident of unincorporated Martin County and no less than three members shall be from low to moderate income households as determined by income survey. The Task Force shall be representative of the community about age, sex, race, and length of residence. None of the County Commissioners may be appointed to the Task Force, and only one member may be an employee of the County.

Terms:

Members shall be appointed for staggered terms of one and two years for initial appointments. All other terms shall be for two years.

Members who miss more than 50% of regularly scheduled meetings in a given calendar year, regardless if such absence is excused or unexcused, will be automatically removed from the Task Force. Absences from emergency or special called meetings will not be recorded against a member in calculating percent of absences. The Task Force will review attendance on an ongoing basis. Vacancies that occur during a term shall be filled as soon as reasonably possible. An appointment to fill a vacated term is not included as a term for purposes of counting consecutive terms. A member resigning from the Task Force shall submit written notice of resignation to the Housing Program designee.

Upon majority vote of members present, the Task Force may ask the Board of County Commissioners to replace a member (including Officers) whose conduct does not reflect the conduct or professional administration of the purpose and function of the Task Force. Any Member may be removed from their position on the Task Force for any reason by majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

Meetings: Meetings shall be held quarterly as decided by the Task Force.

Staff Liaison: Michelle Miller, Human Services Director

Member	Position	Appointed	Term End
John Rizzotti	resident of unincorporated Martin County & low to moderate income household	05/14/2024	05/13/2026
Saadia Tsaftarides	resident of unincorporated Martin County & low to moderate income household	08/24/2021	08/23/2025
Cathy Harvey resigned 5/20/25	resident of unincorporated Martin County & low to moderate income household	08/22/2023	08/21/2025
Julie Preast	resident of unincorporated Martin County	02/25/2020	02/24/2026
Shana Fann Lark	resident of unincorporated Martin County	04/18/2025	04/17/2027

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