

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: October 7, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19

Consent Agenda ☐

Regular Agenda ☒

Public Hearing ☐

 **County Administrator's Signature:**

Subject:

Proposed Resolution Required for Construction of a 100 Bed Shelter for Survivors of Domestic Violence by Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA).

Department:

Planning and Development Services

Staff Member Responsible:

Jacob Stowers, Interim Executive Director

Recommended Action:

I RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION FINDING THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER BY CASA IS CONSISTENT WITH COUNTY REGULATIONS AND THE PINELLAS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Summary Explanation/Background:

CASA, a Florida Non-Profit entity, proposes to construct a 100 bed shelter for the victims of domestic violence. In order for the project to be eligible for the State's Community Contribution Tax Credit Program (CCTCP) and associated State funding assistance, a Resolution by the local government is required stating that the project is consistent with local regulations and plans.

The County's Planning and Development Review staff have coordinated extensively with CASA staff regarding project needs and the project proposal, and recommends that the Board approve the attached Resolution finding the project to be consistent with, and in furtherance of, County regulations as well as the Governing Principles and goals of the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Approval of the Resolution does not obligate the County to providing any funding support for construction of the shelter.

Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:

No dollars are associated with action on this item; however, Health and Community Services provides \$109,790 annually to CASA for staffing and operations.

Exhibits/Attachments Attached:

Proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 14-

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT COMMUNITY ACTION STOPS ABUSE (CASA) PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT, FURNISH AND EQUIP A NEW 100-BED CASA SHELTER LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LEALMAN FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THEIR CHILDREN AND TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE IMPROVEMENTS IS CONSISTENT WITH PINELLAS COUNTY PLANS AND REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA) will provide shelter and programs, including 24-hour crisis line, food, limited transportation, advocacy, information and referrals for survivors of domestic violence and their children focused on safety planning and support; and

WHEREAS, CASA is a non-profit corporation and is located within Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, CASA wishes to receive funding through the Community Contribution Tax Credit Program (CCTCP) in order to construct a 100-bed shelter for the benefit of women in need of services and housing provided by CASA; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible to receive funds under the CCTCP, CASA is required to obtain a resolution from the jurisdiction where the shelter will be located certifying that the proposed project is consistent with local plans and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of Planning and Development Review Services reviewed the proposed project to build a 100-bed shelter and determined that the facility meets and is consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution will allow CASA to complete and submit an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to establish the desired housing for victims of domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, in regular session, duly assembled, this ____ day of October, 2014, as follows:

Section 1. Pinellas County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereby certifies that the Community Action Stops Abuse 100-bed shelter for survivors of domestic violence is consistent with its local plans and regulations.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

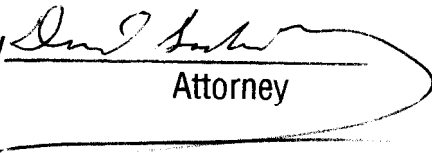
Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

By 
Attorney