



## BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Broward Housing Council was held on June 22, 2012, commencing at 10:09 a.m., at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC), located at 2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Seminar Room 2, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call was conducted by Ms. Brandy Marino.

### **Council Members Present:**

Robert Baldwin	Patricia "Patti" Good
Richard Barkett	Richard Lemack
George Castrataro	Monica Navarro, Vice Chair
Innocent Chinweze	Frank Schnidman
Ann Deibert	Marcia Barry-Smith
Frances Esposito	Lisa Vecchi
Paul Figg	Lois Wexler, Chair

### **Council Members Absent:**

Cynthia Chambers  
Tina Mulligan  
Mercedes Nunez

### **Staff:**

Angela Chin  
Brandy Marino  
Michael Wright

### **I. APPROVAL OF APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> RETREAT SUMMARY MINUTES AND THE FEBRAURY 24<sup>TH</sup> MEETING MINUTES**

*MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Lisa Vecchi and seconded by Ms. Patti Good to approve the April 20<sup>th</sup> Retreat Summary Minutes and the February 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes as submitted. The Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

### **II. CHAIR'S REPORT:**

Chair Wexler asked Mr. Michael Wright to introduce his guest. Mr. Wright stated that Ms. Kim Walker is a Capacity Building Associate with the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Her organization is working with Broward County to help the County and its stakeholders prepare for implementation of the federal Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act and develop a more efficient and effective homeless assistance system in the process. Mr. Wright stated that an on-line Community Leaders Survey link was e-mailed to all Council members to get their feedback on how the homeless assistance program works from a

Broward County perspective. Once the survey is complete, the results will be analyzed and recommendations will be provided as part of the final report.

The Chair stated that Ms. Tina Mulligan representing the category of Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers has resigned from the Housing Council.

### **III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

No Director's report, waived by Ms. Chin.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

The Chair requested feedback on the 2010/2011 Annual Report. A question was raised by Mr. Lemack on how the image on the cover was selected. It was recommended that the new affordable housing project East Village Apartments in the Town of Davie be included along with the Progress Point Apartments photo from the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The Chair further requested feedback on why the annual report included two years oppose to one. Ms. Chin stated that when the Housing Council was first created in 2008, the Board of County Commission approved the first annual report covering FY 2008-2009 in February of 2010. In order to provide a better perspective of the current resources being allocated countywide, staff decided to incorporate FY 2010/2011 into this annual report.

*MOTION: It was moved by Mr. George Castrataro and seconded by Ms. Monica Navarro to approve the 2010/2011 Annual Report with changes submitted by the Chair. The Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

The Chair requested Council members review the prior Work Program and the proposed 2012-2013 Work Program for the discussion. The Chair opened the floor for questions, comments, and suggestions on the proposed 2012-2013 Work Program as submitted. See attached changes to the proposed 2012-2012 Work Program per Council members' discussion.

There was lengthy discussion on Item II. C., Support establishing a local Documentary Stamp Surtax program based on the Miami Dade model. The Chair requested that Ms. Chin contact Assistant County Attorney Ms. Eichen and Mr. Stone and request that they contact Mr. Figg and Mr. Barkett regarding specific questions, issues, and concerns they have on the Documentary Stamp Surtax Program and provide clarification back to the Council in order to make a precise decision on whether to include or remove from the work program.

The Chair is seeking clarification on whether the Legislature approval gave the local entity the power and authority to put a question on the ballot.

Based on Mr. Castrataro request to receive a copy of the Blue Ribbon Panel Report, the Chair requested that Ms. Chin provide an electronic copy of the Report to Council members.

*Innocent Chinweze entered the meeting at 11:09 a.m.*

*MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Richard Barkett and seconded by Mr. George Castrataro to table Item II C., Support establishing a Local Documentary Stamp Surtax Program until the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting after Ms. Eichen has addressed the questions, issues, and concerns raised by Council members. The Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

*MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Marcia Barry-Smith and seconded by Ms. Monica Navarro to maintain Item IV. C. "Support local government and private sector funding for youths transitioning out of foster care" in its current category with the expanded definition to read, "Support local government and private sector funding, including but not limited to, youths transitioning out of foster care, special needs population, veterans, and families." The Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

There was some discussion amongst Council members regarding Item VI. Evaluate Community Reinvestment Act activities by banks in Broward County. The Chair reiterated the need for Mr. Stone to secure a resource to collect the data and have this information accessible for the public on the housing council website.

*MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Lisa Vecchi and seconded by Ms. Monica Navarro to approve the 2012-2013 Work Program as amended. The Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

Mr. Figg requested that a new item be added to the agenda as New Business with an emphasis on having an open dialogue for approximately 15 minutes on innovative housing solutions being implemented globally or nationwide. The Chair requested that all suggestions be e-mailed to Ms. Chin.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

No business to report.

## **VI. NEXT MEETING**

Date: Friday, August 24, 2012  
Time: 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.  
Location: African American Research Library and Cultural Center  
2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Seminar Room 2  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:53am.