



BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Broward Housing Council was held on Friday, December 16, 2016, commencing at 10:10AM in the African American Research Library & Cultural Center (AARLCC), Seminar Room 2, located at 2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.

Council Members Present:

Chair, James Carras
Vice Chair, Councilmember
Caryl Hattan
Robert Baldwin
Richard Barkett
Heather Brinkworth

Lee Feldman
Gino Moro
Frank Schnidman
Ralph Stone

Council Members Absent:

Ann Deibert
Frances Esposito
Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness
Mercedes Nunex
John Peters
Lisa Vecchi

Staff:

Angela Chin, Planning and
Development Management
(PDM)
Christopher Flynn, PDM

Guests:

Michael Wright, Homeless Initiative Partnership Administration
Evan Fancher, Aide to Miami-Dade Commissioner Xavier Suarez
Stephanie Rosendorf, Aide to Commissioner Nan Rich
Sandra Einhorn, Exec Director, Nonprofit Executive Alliance

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was conducted by Christopher Flynn with a quorum present.

I. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2016, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Chair Caryl Hattan and seconded by Heather Brinkworth to approve the minutes of the Broward Housing Council Meeting on October 28, 2016. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT: JAMES CARRAS

Chair Carras recognizes the newest council member, from the School Board, Heather Brinkworth.

There is no Chair Report. The Chair notes the goal for 2017 is to create an Affordable Housing Plan to present to the County Commission.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: ANGELA CHIN

PDM Division Director Jo Sesodia is not present for this meeting. Angela Chin presents the Director's Report on her behalf.

Update on Broward Next, the new land use plan for Broward County to the year 2040. Attainable housing is one of the seven regional issues in Broward Next. September 27, 2016, the Board of

County Commissioners transmitted Broward Next to the state for review. This plan is available online at the Broward Next webpage. Broward Commission is anticipated to hold a public hearing to adopt Broward Next in early 2017.

Vinod Sandanasamy has taken another position and will no longer be assisting the Council. PDM is currently recruiting and hopes to have someone hired for the next Council meeting. Temporary staff has been assigned to ensure the Broward Housing Council webpage is kept up-to-date.

Note from the Director wishing the Council a Happy Holiday, on behalf of herself and the Division.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

V. HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: MICHAEL WRIGHT

Michael Wright presents his recent report of the Homeless Initiative Partnership. First item of interest is the switch of the Homeless Hotline from 211 Broward to the County Call Center, started on December 1. The Call Center has received over 2,800 calls from the first to the day before this meeting. Average call time has decreased to under five minutes and the average drop off rate has also decreased. Mr. Wright handed out a business card to everyone advertising the new Homeless Helpline.

January all the continuums in the U.S. have to conduct a homeless point-in-time count. Broward will begin the night of January 24 and will continue through January 26. Press release in the Sun Sentinel December 16. To be posted to the Housing Council website. Looking for volunteers to help with the count, or looking for anyone who knows of homeless sites to be counted.

The HUD 2016 application submitted is still pending. To be announced either end of December or beginning of January. With changes in administration, the next NOFA is tentatively scheduled for next April 2017.

Mr. Wright was a panel member on the Commission on the Status of Women, the evening of December 15. Questions arose about how many women were homeless, veteran status, had families, were head of household. Gave presentation on the needs of the Homeless Continuum. Highlighted the need for affordable housing in Broward County. The Commission on the Status of Women sends reports to the County Commission and to the State Governor's Office.

Mr. Wright emphasized the need for affordable housing, compared Broward entry level jobs and salaries in which 50% is spent for housing costs, and 60-70% of this salary is allocated to transportation. Referrals are sent to the Housing Council and Charter Review Council.

HUD has Federal plan to end homelessness, has youth and families as a priority, to get to functional 0 by 2020. Broward County and partners submitted an application on November 29,

for a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program. Six urban communities in the U.S. will be awarded this grant. The plan is to develop a comprehensive plan in your community to respond to youth homelessness. HUD considers youth to be age 18-24, includes single and parent youth.

CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD REPORT: VICE CHAIR CARYL HATTAN

December 15, Broward County held their annual memorial for homeless that died this past year, sponsored by Hope South Florida. 88 people were honored and named at the service, ranging in ages 19 to 73. The toll this year is up from last year. Those homeless who showed up for the memorial service were fed after the service.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: It was moved by member Lee Feldman and seconded by Robert Baldwin to schedule agenda topic item, in the near future, Broward County Stockade Facility and discuss the use of the stockade as temporary housing and services for the homeless population. The motion was passed by a unanimous raised-hand vote.

A. PRESENTATION BY EVAN FANCHER, LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO COMMISSIONER SUAREZ

Mr. Fancher introduces himself, notes that Commissioner Javier Suarez's duties include oversight of the Homeless Trust Fund for Miami-Dade. Items of discussion will be the CRA report from the State Attorney's Office and the legislation that came out of it; inclusionary zoning which is currently being considered by the County Commission and has passed its first reading but has been stalled since; and the Community Scholars Project and a revolving loan fund for affordable housing using general revenue balance.

One of the few issues with the use of inclusionary zoning within Miami-Dade is land cost. When inclusionary zone laws were first introduced to Miami-Dade in 2004, it failed, but was turned into a voluntary program. It has been used once voluntarily. This is being reintroduced to Miami-Dade ordinance.

The Affordable Housing Trust Fund was first established in 2004. To use this trust fund, the money had to be used for affordable housing. The board and the trust fund initially existed but with no members or way to gain money or use the fund. In 2015 the board was reviewed and staffed, and rules were written to guide this board. The idea to use a revolving loan fund was introduced to gain funds. The revolving, recurring budget from general revenue, through 50% of carry over revenue each year from the County budget. No money has been taken from other previous allocations or budgets, but from left over budget at the end of the year that has not been used or allocated.

The new legislation introduced identified issues with CRAs and how they were handled. Once TIF, tax incentive, is created, cannot alter currency rates or agreement times. Any new or extension of CRAs will have to create a community benefits agreement and spend 30%? on

affordable housing. Other things included county commission representative on the CRA Board. This will change the way CRAs will respond.

B. PRESENTATION BY SANDRA EINHORN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NONPROFIT EXECUTIVE ALLIANCE

Sandra Einhorn, Executive Director of Coordinating Council for Broward County (CCB), and also Director of Nonprofit Executive Alliance. The Coordinating Council originally started back in the '90s, purpose serves to address challenges of the ALICE population face (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). The purpose of the council is not to look at the really low income, but rather 49.7% of Broward County Residents that are considered ALICE population or below. Challenges that face ALICE population include housing, a critical piece. In looking at the housing crisis, it is not on the council to address the housing crisis but to convene all the stakeholders to address the issue. The first priority of the CCB is to organize a housing summit. This is engage non-housing entities, to educate the business community and government officials the challenges of housing.

Ms. Einhorn requests the Housing Council to pass a motion to allow her to work with this committee to put together a summit for 2017. The Coordinating Council is working from Housing Council work plan and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance's Six Pillars Plan.

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Chair Caryl Hattan and seconded by Lee Feldman to assist the Coordinating Council for Broward County. Member Ralph Stone recommends to hold this in the first quarter of the New Year based upon legislative activities and budget reviews. The motion was passed by a unanimous raised-hand vote.

Chair Carras recognizes guest in attendance, Stephanie Rosendorf, Legislative Aide to Commissioner Nan Rich. She has been welcomed to step into discussion topics.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. PROPOSED BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2017

MOTION: Chair Carras placed motion before the committee to secure the proposed council meeting dates, times and places for 2017. It was moved by member Frank Schnidman and seconded by Heather Brinkworth. The motion was passed by a unanimous raised-hand vote.

B. 2017 BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL'S WORK PROGRAM

August 2016 began discussion of the work program, approved the program for 2017. This will be used in discussion with the CCB and coordinating the summit in 2017.

VIII. NEXT HOUSING COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, February 24, 2017, 10:00AM

African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC)
2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Seminar Room 2, Fort Lauderdale, FL

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by member Gino Moro and seconded by Frank Schnidman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:33am.

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