

# SUMMARY MINUTES



## BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL

October 27, 2017 - 10:00 AM

African American Research Library and Cultural Center, Seminar Room 2  
2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

### Board Members Present

James Carras, Chair  
Suzanne Fejes  
Drew Saito

Ann Deibert  
Comm. Dale V.C. Holness  
Lisa Vecchi

Frances Esposito  
Mercedes Nunez

### Board Members Absent

Caryl Hattan, Vice Chair  
Joy Cooper

Marcia Barry-Smith  
Howard Elfman

Heather Brinkworth  
Gino Moro

### County Staff

Jo Sesodia, Director  
Chris Flynn, Admin

Sue Carrano, Coordinator  
Andrea Froome, CAO

### Attendees who signed in

Lee Feldman

Frank Schnidman

### 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting called to order at approximately 10:06 am. Roll call was taken by Chris Flynn. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded per the published agenda.

### 2) Approval of the August 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Commissioner Holness moved to approve the meeting minutes. Drew Saito seconded. All in favor, as is.

### 3) Chair's Report: James Carras

No Chair Report. Chair topics will be discussed under agenda item Old Business.

### 4) Director's Report: Jo Sesodia

Website updates are under review. Position has been vacant for some time that would provide design and updates to the website. Vacancy should be filled soon and the new staff member may be at the next Housing Council meeting to discuss website needs. Content is being updated, just not design.

### 5) Public Comments

No public comments.

### 6) Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP) Administrator's Report: Michael Wright

Mr. Wright was not present, no administrator's report given.

### Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Report: Vice Chair Caryl Hattan

Vice Chair Hattan was not present, no report given.

### 7) New Business

#### A. Approval of Broward Housing Council's 2018 Meeting Dates

Sue Carrano presented the meeting dates, times and locations for 2018 Council schedule (handout). Noted that the October meeting would not be able to meet at the listed location and new accommodations will be arranged.

**Motion:** Commissioner Holness moved to approve the meeting dates with the accepted change to location in October, to be determined. Lisa Vecchi seconded. All in favor.

## **8) Old Business**

### **A. Follow-up discussion regarding the Affordable Housing Workshop held on August 25, 2017 and the Broward Housing Summit**

Chair Carras discussed the Coordinating Council of Broward, which is chaired by Commissioner Rich, and who has identified its number one issue as affordable workforce housing. Finalization of the draft report, *Housing Broward: An Inclusive Plan*, was also discussed.

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Noted, at the next Charter Review Commission, November 1, is intention to create a Housing Trust Fund, a dedicated funding source for affordable workforce housing. Concern is creating a new advisory board for this fund that is separate from the Broward Housing Council, negating self-interests or conflicts.

### **B. Status Update to the 2014 Broward County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Study**

Sue Carrano discussed the revised scope of the study from Florida International University (FIU). Sole source will be requested to use FIU reporting again as they have already compiled the data needed for the report. The report should be started beginning of 2018.

### **C. Progress report: 2017 Broward Housing Council's Work Program**

Sue Carrano discussed change to the program, dates of events, and incorporating notes from the last workshop (handout) into the final product.

## **9) Next Housing Council Meeting**

Friday, December 15, 2017, 10:00AM

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## **10) Adjournment**

**Motion:** Commissioner Holness motioned for adjournment. Drew Saito seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

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