

Summary of Discussion
Broward County Charter Review Commission
Health & Social Services Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday, August 08, 2007
Governmental Center, Room 430
1:15 PM - 2:45 PM

Members Present:

Mr. Wil Trower, Chair
Ms. Jodi Jeffreys-Tanner, Vice Chair
Mr. Joseph Maus, Esq.
Dr. Mark Lieberman
Mr. Mark Ketcham
Mr. David Esack
Ms. Bernadette Norris-Weeks, Esq.

Members Absent:

None

Others Attending:

Chedley Etienne, Administrative Assistant, CRC
Yolanda Grooms, Administrative Specialist, CRC
Maria Gross, Assistant Director, CRC
H.K. "Petty" Kaletta, Member, CRC
Phyllis A. King, Transcriber, PKING Consulting
Patricia G. West, Executive Director, CRC
David Tolces, Esq.

(A copy of the sign-in sheets identifying those present is filed with the supplemental papers to the summary of this Subcommittee Meeting.)

A meeting of the Broward County Charter Review Health and Social Services Subcommittee "Committee," "Subcommittee," or "HSSC," was held at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday , August 08, 2007 at the Governmental Center Room 430; 115 S. Andrews Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL.

I Call to Order/Roll Call

The Chair Wil Trower called the meeting to order at 12:51 p.m. He requested the roll call by Phyllis A. King, PKING Consulting, Inc. Upon completion of the roll, the Chair recognized the presence of a quorum.

II. Approval of Summary of Discussion of July 17, 2007

The Chair asked the subcommittee if there were any corrections to the SOD July 17th 2007.

Ms. Tanner MOTIONED, Mr. Maus SECONDED and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Health and Social Service Subcommittee July 17th Summary of Discussion.

II. Discussion of Request to have Legal Counsel Draft Language Regarding Recommendation to County Commission to Continue Children's Services as a Priority in Broward County

The Chair referred to a discussion which took place at a prior HSSC meeting where there were two actions contemplated to bring forward. The first being a request to have a recommendation to the County Commission to continue Children's Services as primary funding in Broward County. The second, a discussion to create a Charter Amendment to establish a Housing Council under its own section, with the primary mission to coordinate the initiatives throughout the County. The Chair advised that Legal Counsel is present to draft language based on the two issues.

The Chair opened the floor to further discussion regarding the two issues that were presented.

Mr. Ketcham asked if a recommendation has to have the 10 or 14 of the votes. Ms. West replied that it applies only when it goes to the full CRC.

Mr. Tolces: As you have it here, you are just making a recommendation to the County Commission, as opposed to drafting a Charter Amendment.

Mr. Ketcham referred to a comment by Mr. Buckner, which stated that Mass Transit should be a priority. He stated that it is great to do, and asked the subcommittee if they wanted to spend a lot of effort on issue number 1.

The Chair advised the HSSC members that as they go through, the subcommittees may come up with items that are amendments. The transportation portion was an amendment to the Charter from his understanding.

[Dr. Lieberman Entered at this time 12:54pm]

The Chair stated that if the HSSC comes up with something that they don't think rises to the level of being an amendment, the subcommittee can forward to the County Commission a recommendation to establish Children's Services as a priority for funding.

Mr. Tolces: The subcommittee would forward it to the full Charter Review Commission to request a recommendation to the County Commission.

The Chair advised that it is not binding upon them or a part of the Charter. He stated that it is similar to what the MESC did as a result of the due diligence; these things have come to the CRC's awareness and they are now being pushed along. The Chair stated that if it is okay with everyone that was the intent of the first item to simply forward a recommendation to the County Commission to consider Children's Services as a priority for funding.

Mr. Tolces: From a drafting perspective – I guess I'd be looking for a definition of what you mean by Children's Services.

A conversation ensued with comments made by Mr. Esack, Ms. Tanner, The Chair, Mr. Ketcham and Mr. Maus regarding the drafting of a recommendation relevant to maintaining funding for Children's Services as a priority. Ms. Weeks advised that if it is a recommendation, not a lot of drafting needs to be involved.

Mr. Tolces: If you are not going to make it a Charter Amendment – I agree with Bernadette, there's not a lot of drafting that needs to be done. The only question is how you communicate that request to the County Commission so that they understand what you are asking them to do.

The Chair referred the Committee to page 4 of the SOD. He advised that the motion was made to keep Children's Services as a priority; however, it is incomplete because it does not address funding. He asked the subcommittee if they wanted the motion to be more specific.

A conversation ensued with comments made by all members on the subcommittee as to how the language should be stated.

Mr. Tolces: I originally thought you were looking for a Charter Amendment. So, since it would just be a vote of the full Commission – we could draft a resolution from the Charter Review Commission and put it in a more formal type of document as opposed to maybe just a letter. It's not a Charter Amendment. What you would be looking at is simply a majority of the full Commission approving the resolution. In my mind, I am thinking that your subcommittee report will be presented, and that you are asking the full Commission to authorize the drafting of a resolution to support this recommendation.

Following a brief conversation, the Committee agreed to suggest to the other subcommittees resolutions as a common approach for formatting of language.

Ms. Tanner MOTIONED, Ms. Weeks SECONDED that the subcommittee create a resolution to be submitted to the County Commission requesting that Children's Services be a priority and funding consistent with the level of service required for Broward County.

The conversation continued with suggestions being made by Ms. Weeks and Mr. Ketcham regarding other potential uses of the proposed resolution, such as by community organizations and Not-for-profits.

Mr. Ketcham advised that he is uncomfortable with saying a certain amount of money or a certain level. He can, however, support to continue to keep Children's Services a priority and meeting the needs. Ms. Tanner advised that is the original motion. The Chair stated that he thinks it is dangerous to talk about meeting the needs, because that's also the most impossible to quantify. He advised that the Committee could be tying people's hands by saying there is a need out there.

Dr. Lieberman suggested using the language, "Maintain the level of services that currently exist."

The Chair advised that there is a Children's Services Board out there that could actually step up and do more.

Mr. Maus agreed with Dr. Lieberman; that if you are sitting on a Commission and this recommendation comes from the Charter Review, you can choose to disregard it all together, or you can use it virtually for any purpose you want with regard to Children's Services, whether its justification for more funding or more services to more people.

Ms. Tanner withdrew her motion. – MOTION WITHDRAWN

The Chair asked if everyone was comfortable.

Mr. Tolces: From a process perspective, what I would suggest with respect to the motion is that you authorize the Chair of this subcommittee to request the full Charter Review Commission to draft a resolution to express the Charter Review Commission's intent to the County Commission that Children's Services are whatever language you want to come up with.

Ms. Tanner MOTIONED, Ms. Weeks SECONDED to authorize the Chair of the HSSC to request that the full Charter Review Commission authorize the drafting of a resolution that would be directed to the County Commission to recommend that the County Commission continue Children's Services as a priority in Broward County. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tolces: It can always be changed once it gets to the full if there is a desire to add additional language.

The Chair advised that there will probably need to be a case statement and backup information behind the resolution which will be discussed at the next meeting.

IV. Discussion of request to have Legal Counsel Draft Language Regarding Affordable Housing Council

The Chair opened the floor to discussion of item IV that he understood to be a Charter Amendment.

Ms. West advised that the Affordable Housing Council would indeed have to be a Charter Amendment, similar to the Fire Rescue Council.

Mr. Maus asked if there was any feedback from the Commission about their Affordable Housing policy, and also information from the Planning Council about Transit-Oriented Corridors.

Ms. West advised of a planned joint meeting with the LUSC to discuss TOCs and TODs. She added that information from the Property Appraiser's office stated that there are no changes to be made unless the Legislature makes changes.

Mr. Maus asked if someone will attend the joint meeting who will talk to the subcommittees about what the County's current position is on Affordable Housing and whether they are going to implement anything.

Ms. West suggested inviting Ralph Stone to return and provide an update as follow-up to his initial presentation before the HSSC when he informed the Committee that their problem was resources. She advised that Jim Carras has also been contacted as requested.

Ms. Gross advised that she has had no response from Mr. Carras as he advised he would be in touch, but has not as of yet. Ms. Tanner advised that Mr. Carras could give the Committee some ideas.

Ms. Weeks stated that there has been plenty of discussion on the issue of the government structure. She suggested having General Counsel go through the minutes and pull information from the discussions and draft out what the Amendment could possibly look like based on the minutes and discussion today.

Ms. West stated that it seems as though suddenly the Affordable Housing issue is not getting attention. She stated a probable cause could be the taxes or the housing market.

Ms. Weeks stated that she believes Affordable Housing is a big issue and it will continue to be.

The Chair advised that the Committee should be looking down the road into the future, and if everybody is comfortable with establishing a Housing Council, to provide some oversight. There's obviously a lot of flushing out that needs to be done there, in terms of composition of a Committee, the duties of that Committee and other issues. He agreed that the issue is pretty well documented in the record. He stated that he does not see a problem with the Committee going on September 1st with that as a posed draft, that such a Committee be established. The Chair stated that between September 1st and February 13th all of the recommendations will be put together. He added that there was talk about deferring the joint meeting of the 3 subcommittees until after the September 1st deadline.

Ms. West stated that the meeting was not deferred as it wasn't required.

The Chair asked if the other 2 subcommittees have any recommendations on Housing.

Ms. West replied not really, she stated that it comes back to the conversation that when you talk about Transportation, Housing, and Land Use, that eventually there will have to be a group discussion because there is a nexus between them.

V. Discussion and Review of Summary of Issues Chart to Assist in the Development of Proposed Ballot Recommendations

The Chair asked if there's any problem with the Committee going forward with a generic recommendation for an Amendment which basically states the desire to establish the Council.

Ms. Tanner stated that since the joint meeting does not have to be included, the Committee could proceed with what the subcommittee has ready and available, to give to the Commission.

Ms. Weeks inquired about the next meeting date. After a brief discussion, general consensus was to have another meeting prior to the next full CRC meeting.

Ms. Esack suggested rather than having General Counsel go through the meeting minutes, rather have the summary prepared by staff.

Ms. West advised that the HSSC summary leaves a lot to be desired, as staff rushed through it and there are two meetings that have not been included. She advised that there is a lot more to be added. She asked Mr. Esack if he wanted highlights of the discussion related to the Housing Council.

Mr. Esack replied, specific only to the potential Charter Amendment.

Dr. Lieberman advised that the Committee has already voted to put together a Housing Council with goals to look at Affordable Housing and Homelessness, which is what he reminded the HSSC was charged to look at. He suggested that now there should be a discussion to determine membership of the Council. He reminded the Committee that all the Council would be able to do is make recommendations; now they should determine the composition and scope, being more specific than Affordable Housing and Homelessness.

Mr. Ketcham advised that he is afraid that the Committee is creating another bureaucratic level, and a very bureaucratic system of housing and homelessness. He also reminded the Committee that there is no funding from the County. The money comes from HUD, the FEDS, right down in Hollywood and Dania Beach.

Ms. Weeks stated that the Committee has had this discussion before.

Mr. Ketcham advised that another concern is with the Sunshine Law once the Board is created. You will have people in the Sunshine, so the homeless people can't work with each other and talk about it. His other question is, would it pass.

Mr. Maus referred to an issue he raised during a previous meeting, which he is still having difficulty with, is that the Council will be called the Affordable Housing Council. He believed the consensus on the committee the last time was that they may be interrelated, but at least this Affordable Housing Council would address all of the issues. He suggested that the Council will have to address *either* Workforce Housing or Homelessness, because the two issues are completely separate, therefore being two separate Boards with different focuses, different goals, and probably different funding sources. Mr. Maus advised that he believes that it needs to be narrowed down to what exactly the Housing Council is going to try to accomplish.

Dr. Lieberman stated that there are two different things that can interconnect at points. He advised that they are the same minds in the room that should be able to deal with both aspects. He stated that he wouldn't create two Boards.

Mr. Maus stated that he does not believe that they are in the same group of minds: homeless and workforce housing would.

Dr. Lieberman stated that it depends on who is at the table and believes that only positives can come out of it.

The Chair advised that there should be a discussion relevant to the unintended consequences and the affects of the Amendment.

Ms. Weeks agreed with Dr. Lieberman, and referred to a previous HSSC meeting where it was mentioned that the Council wouldn't require any funding. She believes some of the issues with respect to Affordable Housing and Workforce Housing intertwine. There is a disconnection in all segments of dealing with housing issues. Ms. Weeks stated that she does not think that the Committee should necessarily be so specific, even though she would like to insure that Homelessness and Affordable Housing are two of the topics. There should be a Housing Board that can address these issues in addition to possibly some other issues.

Mr. Tolces: From a drafting perspective – if you could flush out, maybe some of the goals or purposes or programs that you'd be looking for this Council to address. That could be some type of introductory paragraph if you are going to have it in the Charter, and you have your membership issues and those types of things. Then anything else that you'd feel that they need to address or any entities they need to coordinate with and those kinds of things. You can put together a good purposed section for a Charter Amendment with those items.

A discussion ensued regarding the composition of the Council with comments made by all members of the Committee.

The Chair stated that the Committee has the concept of the Housing Council which will have a mission to coordinate the initiatives. He reminded the Committee that the next step is to flush out the duties. He reminded the Committee that the homework from the last meeting was to think about who might be a representative on the Council, and for everyone to think about any untended consequences of creating the Housing Council which has been good discussion. He pointed out that an Amendment to the Charter is a weighty initiative to undertake. He explained that not only does the HSSC have to make the case for it to the full CRC but they also have to make the case to the public that it is necessary; therefore it has to be more than simply to coordinate initiatives. The Chair stated that the other issue that the Committee hasn't resolved yet is what synergy can be developed with the other Committees who are looking at housing as a part of Transportation and Development.

Ms. Weeks advised that there are other people who were on other Committees making statements that they thought it was a good idea because it tied into what they were working on as well. She then questioned if the joint meeting was planned to occur prior to September 1st.

The Chair asked Ms. West when the joint meeting was planned.

Ms. West advised that she would have to check with the Chairs of each subcommittee with regard to their schedules of availability.

The Chair suggested that the subcommittee do some brainstorming on what the duties and who the constituents should be to come with a rough draft to flush out the concept and come up with a rough draft and then bring that to the joint meeting. He suggested that after the HSSC meets with the other subcommittees, the HSSC will meet again to see if there are any changes that would need to be made and then finalize something before the September deadline. He stated

that he believes that it would require another session to take the rough draft and decide whether to modify it or not based on the other two Committees. He advised that he believes the HSSC could develop something generic enough to send to the full Commission at the September meeting.

Mr. Tolces: In Section 11.05 there is the Broward Cultural Council and that's just a one paragraph Council that's established pursuant to the Charter. That states what its goals and objectives are, but provides for the creation as designated in the County and Administrative codes. So that's one option – or you can go the other route and lay out the whole body in it, this is just a sample for you to look at as you go through it.

Ms. Kaletta – public comment: Listening to you all talk, I just have one question – when you asked whether it should be a Charter Amendment or whether it should be a recommendation. My question is what is the long term need for this? In Transportation we see the need for a long term part to be in the Charter. Do you see this as having a continuous need?

Consensus of the HSSC was yes, there is a long-term need.

Dr. Lieberman advised that he is not sure what meeting with other subcommittees is going to change as far as creating the Council or not. It may change the composition, the Committee needs to decide if it really wants to create the Council and then discuss the scope of the Council.

Mr. Esack advised that he wasn't present when the issue was voted on as he left early. But from what he could read, the HSSC has already voted to recommend to the full Charter Review Commission to create a Charter Amendment. He reminded the Committee that it was agreed to bring forward recommendations essentially done. He informed the Committee that Mr. Buckner sat down and prepared a really great Authority proposal that the TSC as a team reviewed and modified.

Ms. Tanner stated that in the Transportation proposal is a mixture of a couple of things that were already out there. She advised Mr. Esack that the HSSC is creating something new.

Ms. Weeks offered to draft a document for the Committee.

Mr. Esack replied that this would be great because it would give the HSSC a working draft.

Ms. Weeks agreed with Dr. Lieberman to postpone the meeting with the other subcommittee until after the review of her proposed draft.

The Chair asked the HSSC members if they wish to have Ms. Weeks work with staff to come up with a draft. A general conversation ensued regarding the next HSSC meeting time and date it was agreed that the next meeting of the HSSC will be held on Wednesday, August 29th.

Dr. Lieberman stated that he wants to make sure Ms. Weeks is not wasting her time drafting a document.

The Chair stated that in Article 11 of the Charter, Section 11.05 Broward Cultural Council. He read from the section, "There shall be a Broward Cultural Council with such duties, functions, and staff as designated in the County Code and the Administrative Code. The Council's purpose is to further the County's commitment to excellence among its artist cultural organizations and to foster a strong and vibrant, cultural environment for both the residents of and visitors to the county.."

He stated that this is a simple statement and this would be an alternative to doing something like the Fire Rescue Council here, which gets very involved in dictating who should be on there. He suggested that one alternative would be to come up with a simple statement reminiscent of what is currently in the motion and put that forward vs. having something more specific.

Ms. West asked if having one little statement would lessen the importance of the Council or if it would be better to outline who would participate.

Mr. Ketcham pointed out the difficulties that the Council will face when attempting to coordinate municipalities and funding.

Mr. Ketcham asked the Committee if this is really an exercise in feeling good.

Ms. Weeks advised that she thought the idea was to have an entity where ideas are shared, they have meetings, and they have goals, etc.

The Chair reminded the Committee of the discussion with Mr. Stone where he advised that some Cities were getting better funding and the County doesn't know about it. There are opportunities that we thought for getting better funding or coordinating initiatives; some Cities don't want to take advantage of funding initiatives and others do.

Ms. Weeks advised that the whole point is to not take control but to coordinate and get information out. She advised that her idea was to have large cities, small cities, non-profits, and realtor's etc. represented; people of different backgrounds that have an interest. She stated that if there is a Board of some sort that is mandated by the County, she is sure that some Commissioner somewhere in some large city would be honored to serve on this Board.

The Chair agreed with Mr. Ketcham, that at the end of the day, it's about funding.

Dr. Lieberman stated that he doesn't know what could come out of the Council, he believes that something positive could come out of it.

Ms. West advised that the reality of it is, that those cities that meet the guidelines to get funding directly are still not getting enough to do what it is they need to do. In some situations, they have to work with the County to help them get money to go ahead and finish the project. She agreed with Ms. Weeks' suggestion to just coordinate to see if they can build more than 2 houses a year, because according to Mr. Stone when it gets down to construction, they don't have enough money to finish the project.

A general conversation ensued regarding funding, with comments made by all members of the Committee.

Mr. Maus stated that with the Fire Rescue Council there is a common source of funding that's coming from the County. The County was supposed to establish a County-wide infrastructure which all these players that are coming to the table are involved. They have a vested interest in it and there is funding behind it.

Multi-speakers advised that there is funding but not enough to finish the deals. The discussion continued regarding funds being provided by Broward County.

Mr. Tolces: Each City uses their own local Housing Assistance Plan to develop how they are going to use those funds that they receive.

Mr. Esack asked how the Cultural Affairs Council operates.

Ms. West advised that there was an item on yesterday's Commission agenda for a one cent tourist bed-tax to get money to fund Cultural Affairs.

Ms. West suggested inviting Mr. Stone to come back to speak with the Committee to see what he would suggest to help. One of his biggest issues was that there was no coordination.

Mr. Maus stated that he would like to hear from Mr. Stone again, but does not want to waste his time, he remembers Mr. Stone stating it's all about the money.

Dr. Lieberman asked what other way can you create a voice that could possibly raise awareness and funding for housing?. What other mechanism could be thought of to do that and who will be a voice to try to push the issue?

Mr. Ketcham stated that they should depend on staff, the discussion the HSSC has had was great, but it still comes down to money.

The Chair stated that the question to ask is, is it a requirement of the Charter to enforce an administrative function.

Ms. Tanner replied no. Ms. Weeks stated it does not necessarily have to be an administrative function, but the point is to understand the need, which is a coordination need and the Council is to coordinate efforts to deal with issues not limited to funding. She advised that funding is not the main issue.

The Chair stated that as he understands the Fire Rescue Council was created because of communication and intercity conflicts in terms of response time; a very real tangible issue. What the HSSC is talking about is a lot less specific; it is a broad pandemic problem. He asked the Committee if they would like to go the route of making a simple statement similar to the Cultural Arts amendment vs. something more specific. He also asked if the HSSC subcommittee should be recommending to the full CRC that housing in a generic sense be put into the Charter as being a concern? He asked if the issue was as important as the Cultural Arts Issue already in the Charter.

The Committee responded yes.

The Chair suggested that the subcommittee re-vote on the motion which was passed the last time in light of today's discussions.

Dr. Lieberman stated that he does not wish to create something just to create something. He added that if the Committee doesn't create the Housing Council, then the HSSC subcommittee

will bring nothing forward other than a recommendation. He advised if something similar to the Arts Council is brought forward, then it would be meaningless. He suggested that they need to have a Board with who the HSSC decides should be the members, but anything less in his mind would mean that the HSSC has not really done anything.

Mr. Maus asked if the League of Cities has an Affordable Housing Board.

Ms. West replied that the League of Cities, the Planning Council they all have an Affordable Housing Council, but they are not connected. Ms. West stated that lately they seem dormant.

Mr. Tolces: There's not that much new construction going on, the issues that were present with the increase in property values and rentals is not at the forefront right now, so you are not hearing it, although there's still an issue out there.

Ms. Weeks advised that Housing is always going to be an issue; Broward County is in a slump right now in the Housing market, but even in the slump we still have Affordable Housing issues, issues dealing with rentals, and homelessness. She suggested the subcommittee take a vote and then move on from there.

Ms. West offered that through conversation with MESC they had Realtors, Bankers, Not for Profits, and people from the Cities, and it was always a question of communications. She stated that it seemed as though the banks were saying that they had money to give, but couldn't figure out where or how to give it; First Time Buyer's Programs, etc. She stated that you could see that they just need someone there, like a gatekeeper or go to person.

Mr. Ketcham requested clarification that Ms. West was not talking about a Board to oversee County staff.

Ms. Weeks explained that it was not.

The Chair asked Mr. Tolces for direction and if the motion should be rescinded.

Mr. Tolces: Well, I don't know if you want to direct – I know Ms. Weeks had offered to draft something if you want to direct her to draft something and bring it back, or if somebody who was in favor of it at the last meeting, wants to make a motion to reconsider. You can make a motion to reconsider, or you don't have to do anything.

Mr. Maus MOTIONED, Mr. Esack SECONDED to reconsider the motion passed at the July 17th meeting located on page 7 of the July 17, 2007 Summary of Discussion, the Chair called for all in favor. 2 were in favor and 5 were opposed and the MOTION FAILED 2:5.

Mr. Tolces: Okay so the motion to reconsider failed on a vote of 2:5 so now you are back where you were when you approved the motion.

The Chair stated that there are two options, one is to flush out as the Fire Rescue Council amendment states a full description of duties, responsibilities, and constituency or take the other path, which is to put in a general statement similar to the Arts Council.

Mr. Esack proposed that Ms. Weeks draft a fully descriptive proposal to create the Housing Council including the constitution, makeup of the Board, etc.

Ms. Weeks MOTIONED, Dr. Lieberman SECONDED, and the motion passed unanimously to accept the recommendation proposed by Mr. Esack to draft a fully descriptive proposal to create Housing Council including the constitution, makeup of the Board etc.

The Chair stated that the next order of business would be the Scope of the Board to provide direction. Ms. Tanner suggested the discussion of Scope, as it will assist in determining membership.

The Chair suggested that the Committee needs to be very clear on what it means by Affordable Housing. He stated that Affordable Housing is not going to help the homeless nor help many of the workers around the Community.

Ms. Tanner reminded the Committee that it was agreed that the Council would be a Housing Council not Affordable Housing Council. She suggested that the subcommittee define the name of the proposed Council first.

The Chair advised that it was agreed to be the Housing Council.

Mr. Maus advised that the scope of the Housing Council will be everything from Homeless to Workforce Housing. The scope is to coordinate the initiatives on a County-wide basis.

The Chair asked for thoughts as to Agencies.

- Mr. Maus suggested a ***Representative from the Board of Realtors, Affordable Housing Committee, the League of Cities,***
- Mr. Ketcham suggested: ***HUD Offices***
- The Chair suggested: ***Not for Profits***
- Ms. Tanner suggested: ***Banking and Tax Consultant***
- Mr. Esack suggested: ***Homeless Assistance Center***
- Mr. Esack suggested: ***Appointments by the Mayor***
- Ms. Weeks suggested: ***Mortgage and Bankers Association, Economic Development Groups***
- Ms. West suggested: ***Appointments by the County Commission***

The Chair advised that the way they did it with the Fire Rescue Council is they looked at groups. The County Commission has one; the League of Cities has one, the County Fire Chiefs, and the County Medical Association. He suggested that the Committee look at other agencies out there that are dealing with Housing and get them to recommend someone.

Mr. Esack asked for a minimum number of members on the Council.

Ms. West replied that nine (9) are needed.

Ms. Weeks suggested putting everything down and decide later how many.

Ms. West advised that she will check with Christine Lorber, Broward County Board Coordinator as she had mentioned that there were Boards that needed to sunset. She stated that she will invite her to speak before the full Commission to advise the Commission of what Boards will sunset.

The Chair stated that the HSSC has listed some basis rudiments for what the language should look like. He asked when the HSSC will meet next to review the draft.

Next Meeting

After a general discussion it was determined that the next HSSC meeting will be on Wednesday, August 29th at 10:00AM.

[Ms. Tanner departed at this time – 2:20pm]

Mr. Ketcham advised that he was under the impression that there was going to be a joint meeting.

The Chair advised that if the HSSC Committee goes forward with the Housing Council there may be joint drafting of an amendment. He asked Mr. Tolces if he knew of any amendments coming from either of the subcommittees.

Mr. Tolces: The Transportation subcommittee has some and the Land Use as well, but I don't know about TOC'S or TOD'S. The Chair suggested that whatever they come up with, he could imagine that a Housing Council could act as an intermediary for builders, developers, bankers etc. The Chair asked if there were any other questions or comments.

VI. Public Comment

Ms. Kaletta CRC. [See comment above]

VII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion and no public comment the meeting was adjourned at 2:22pm

The minutes of this meeting are recorded on CRC-HSSC CD # 8.08.07 (BCGV CTR)