



BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Broward Housing Council was held on October 14, 2011, commencing at 9:25 a.m., immediately following the Broward Housing Partnership Quarterly Meeting at 7:30 a.m., on the 28th Floor of the Tower Club, One Financial Plaza, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

ROLL CALL: Roll Call was taken via sign-in sheet.

Council Members Present:

Richard Barkett	Tina Mulligan
George Castrataro	Monica Navarro
Cynthia Chambers	Mercedes Nunez
Ann Deibert	John Primeau
Patricia Good, Broward County School Board	Lisa Vecchi
	Lois Wexler, Chair, Broward County Commissioner

Council Members Absent:

Robert Baldwin
Paul Figg
Richard Lemack

Staff:

Angela Chin	Ralph Stone	Suzanne Fejes
Elizabeth Kersting	Brandy Marino	Michael Wright

I. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 26, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Primeau and seconded by Ms. Nunez to approve the Minutes of the Broward Housing Council meeting of August 26, 2011 as submitted. The Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT:

A. New Housing Council Members

Chair, Commissioner Wexler informed Council Members that Broward County Commissioner Barbara Sharief appointed Mr. Innocent Chinweze to the Housing Council in the category of Community Representative. She indicated that Mr. Chinweze was not present at this meeting, but looks forward to participating as a Housing Council Member. Chair, Commissioner Wexler also announced that the Board of County Commissioners appointed Ms. Frances Esposito to the Housing Council. Ms. Esposito is the Chief Executive Officer of the Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. and will be representing the category of a Recognized Not-For-Profit Homeless Organization in Broward County.

Chair, Commissioner Wexler made an adjustment to the current agenda. She stated that the Broward County School Board Impact Fee Waiver Program, Item VI. Section A, was deferred from the Housing Council August 26th meeting, and should be listed under Old Business.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

No report

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed meeting dates, time and location

Chair, Commissioner Wexler referred to the proposed meeting dates, time and location for the 2012 Housing Council Meetings.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Good and seconded by Ms. Navarro to approve the meeting dates, time and location for 2012. The Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Broward County School Board Impact Fee Waiver Program Update

Chair, Commissioner Wexler provided a recap on what was discussed at the August 26th meeting in regards to the Impact Fee Waiver Program. She recommended Council Members discuss the item with their stakeholders and advise of their position at the next Housing Council meeting. Chair, Commissioner Wexler stated that staff from the school board recommended Option 5 (Potential Options to Address the School Impact Fee Waiver Process presentation pg. 7) which was included in the Housing council packet.

Ms. Good provided an overview of the workshop which was held on August 23rd by the Broward County School Board Members regarding the Impact Fee Waiver Program. She stated that Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Orange, Palm Beach, and Pinellas Counties do not waive school impact fees with regards to affordable housing. Ms. Good stated that there were options discussed such as whether to allow partial waivers or waivers to not-for-profits vs. for-profits only. She indicated that the School Board had not taken a position at that time and had instructed school board staff to collect additional information from and provide the results back to the Board. Council Members will be updated at the next Council meeting with regards to the School Board Members position.

There was a discussion amongst Council Members regarding the need for continued waiver of impact fees.

Mr. Stone recommended that Dr. Ned Murray, of the Florida International University Metropolitan Center, present the 2011 Broward County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment findings at the next Council meeting. Mr. Primeau implied that Dr. Murray's report should separate condominiums from single family because of the difference in the two real estate markets. Mr. Castrataro asked if council members had additional questions regarding the draft study, could members e-mail them to Ms. Chin for Dr. Murray's clarification? Chair, Commissioner Wexler concurred.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was decided that a position by the Council members will be taken after the November 8th School Board Workshop. This item will be brought back before the Council at their December 2, 2011 meeting.

B. Work Program

Chair, Commissioner Wexler stated that it was time to revise the work program. She mentioned a brief discussion with Mr. Stone regarding a retreat/workshop to be held sometime in January 2012. This will focus on modifying the current work program and identifying additional areas of emphasis for the 2012 work program. Council Members who are interested in assisting in planning this event were requested to contact Ms. Chin.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Updated Broward Housing Council Membership List

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next Housing Council Meeting will be:

Date: Friday, December 2, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00pm
Location: AARLCC – Seminar Room 2.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.

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