



## BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Broward Housing Council was held on Friday, December 13, 2013, commencing at 10:05 a.m., at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC), located at 2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Seminar Room 1, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call was conducted by Ms. Elizabeth Kersting.

**Council Members Present:**

Monica Navarro, Chair	Richard Lemack
Robert Baldwin	Gino Moro
Richard Barkett	Mercedes Nunez
George Castrataro	Frank Schnidman
Ann Deibert	Marcia Barry-Smith
Frances Esposito	Henry Sniezek
Caryl Hattan	Lois Wexler

**Council Members Absent**

Paul Figg  
Dr. Rosalind Osgood  
Lisa Vecchi, Vice Chair

**Staff:**

Angela Chin	Vena Paylo
Suzanne Fejes	Ralph Silverstein for Michael Wright
Mark Journey, Assistant County Attorney	Ralph Stone
Elizabeth Kersting	

**Guests**

Barbara Blake Boy, Broward County Planning Council  
Christina Bilenki, Dunay, Miskel, Bachman, Blattner, LLP  
Howard Bakalar, Broward County United Way  
Pablo Calvo, Broward County United Way

**I. Approval of the October 25, 2013, Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Lois Wexler and seconded by Ann Deibert to approve the Minutes of the Broward Housing Council Meeting of October 25, 2013, as amended. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

Richard Barkett entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

**II. Chair's Report: Monica Navarro**

Chair Navarro introduced and welcomed two new members to the Housing Council:

- Gino Moro represents the category of Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers; and,
- Caryl Hattan represents the category of Community Representative.

At the request of the Chair, Mr. Moro spoke briefly about himself and his membership with the Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers. Chair Navarro also welcomed back Ms. Hattan to the Housing Council and congratulated Ms. Esposito on her reappointment to the Council.

### III. Director's Report: Ralph Stone

Mr. Stone provided an update on the 2014 Broward County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Study. He stated that the Purchasing Division has approved the request to execute a contract with the Metropolitan Center at Florida International University to update the 2011 study. He stated that the final study will be presented to the Council at the April Meeting.

Chair Navarro shared with Council members that staff worked diligently to get the final report "Evaluate Community Reinvestment Act Activities of Banks in Broward County" delivered for the December 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting; however, Mr. Carras was unable to complete all of the activities included in the Scope of Services in a timely manner. She stated that the final report will be presented at the Council's February 2014 meeting.

### IV. Homeless Initiative Partnership Administrator's Report: Michael Wright

Chair Navarro introduced Mr. Ralph Silverstein who filled in for Mr. Michael Wright. Mr. Silverstein informed the Council that preparation was being initiated for the upcoming 2014 Point in Time (PIT) Count which will be held January 21-23, 2014. He explained that the PIT is a snapshot of homelessness on a single night a year, but this year the Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP) implemented an index data tool which will require two additional days. Mr. Silverstein also informed Council members that the HIP Continuum of Care program competition started on November 22, 2013 and staff is gathering program data to apply for HUD Funding. He further stated that last year, HIP was awarded approximately \$10 million, but this year HIP is expecting a slight cut due to the sequestration. Mr. Silverstein indicated that HIP is in the process of finalizing their Annual Homeless Assessment Report which will be submitted to HUD and recorded by the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS).

Commissioner Wexler stated that Ms. Hattan is her designee on the HIP Advisory Board and will provide a status update at each Council meeting. In addition, Ms. Barry-Smith informed the Council regarding the Homelessness to Homeownership (H2H) collaboration with the CRA of Hallandale Beach. She concluded with a statement that the South Florida Educational Center was the Hallandale based non-profit organization in partnership with the Housing Foundation of America receiving a grant for the H2H initiative. *George Castrataro entered the meeting at 10:30a.m.*

### V. Old Business

#### A. Update on Amending Charter Language for Housing Council

Chair Navarro provided an update on the conference call held with the Assistant County Attorney, Ralph Stone and Angela Chin in reference to amending the Charter Language by Ordinance for the Housing Council. She indicated that two Council members were expected to participate but did not call-in. As a result, there were three recommendations proposed to the Council in their meeting packet, Option 1 was selected among Council members. At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Navarro requested a motion.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Richard Barkett and seconded by Robert Baldwin to implement Option 1: To make no changes at this time to the current provisions set forth in Exhibit "A" Article XI Section 11.07 Broward County Housing Council Charter Language. This motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

B. 2012-2013 Work Program Status Update.

Mr. Stone indicated that all items reflected in the 2012-2013 Work Program have been addressed. He stated that the majority of the action items have been accomplished and a few should be carried forward to the 2014 Work Program. Several comments were expressed in regards to new affordable multifamily rental units. Mr. Stone responded by stating that significant cuts in federal and state funding will have a tremendous impact in the construction of new multifamily units.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Broward County Land Use Plan Policy 1.07.07 Presented by Barbara Blake Boy, Executive Director, Broward County Planning Council**

Ms. Blake Boy provided a brief overview of Broward County's Land Use Plan Policy (BCLUP) 1.07.07 which she indicated was adopted in 2006. She mentioned that the back-up material for this Policy was included in the Council's meeting packet. Ms. Blake Boy stated that the proposal is an Administrative Rules Document amendment that was initiated by the County Commission to establish rules, guidelines, procedures and methodologies for the implementation of Policy 1.07.07. Ms. Blake Boy informed Council members that the Planning Council will be co-hosting a workshop Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Governmental Center to seek input from interested parties related to the proposal. She mentioned that a joint workshop will be on January 29, 2014 and then the proposal will then go before the BOCC for approval and adoption at their February 25, 2014 meeting. Mr. Stone concluded the discussion with a review of what was discussed with recommendations for endorsement by the Housing Council.

Chair Navarro requested the Housing Council review the proposal after the Planning Council's joint workshop and prior to the BOCC meeting. She requested that the February meeting scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> be changed and requested staff identify an earlier date so that Council members will have the opportunity to review and provide comments to the proposal. She thanked Ms. Blake Boy for her presentation. She informed members that the next housing meeting will not be held on Friday, February 28, 2014, due to the proposed changes to the BCLUP that is forthcoming. Members will be informed of the meeting date.

**B. Potential Housing Linkage Fee Program for Broward County Presented by Henry Sniezek, Director, Broward County Planning & Redevelopment Division**

Mr. Sniezek provided information regarding the potential Housing Linkage Fee Program for Broward County. He stated that this initiative was discussed at the BOCC Workshop held in October 2013 with the request to look into the possibility of updating the data and analysis from the Linkage Fee Nexus Study proposed in 2007 and prepared by the Metropolitan Center at Florida International University. He indicated that a revenue source is being identified for the update.

**C. Draft 2014 Work Program**

Chair Navarro spoke briefly on the draft 2014 Work Program. She indicated that there are three (3) Areas of Emphasis which are pending and will be discussed at the upcoming Housing Council meeting. They are as follows: Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Activities; Potential Housing Linkage Fee Program for Broward County; and Assessment of the Countywide Affordable Housing Land Use Plan Policy 1.07.07. Mr. Barkett requested a motion that Item II. B. Under Legislation: "Support

establishing a Local Documentary Stamp Tax program based on the Miami-Dade model” be removed from the Work Program.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Lois Wexler and seconded by George Castrataro to approve and adopt the proposed Housing Council Work Program for 2014. The motion was passed by 13-1 voice votes with Mr. Barkett opposing. Motion carried unanimously.*

## **VII. Information Only**

### **A. Housing Legislative Program 2014 Priorities**

Mr. Stone provided information on the legislative program which he stated mirrored last year’s legislative program package; Support full funding of the Sadowski Trust Funds; Implement a Needs Based System to Fund Affordable Housing Projects and Programs; and support legislation to provide a Local Documentary Tax Program similar to the program that is currently available in Miami-Dade County.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Lois Wexler and seconded by Marcia Barry-Smith to endorse the County’s affordable housing legislative agenda and authorize the Chair to send correspondence to the Broward County Legislative Delegation supporting same. The motion was passed by 13-1 voice votes with Mr. Barkett opposing. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **B. Broward County Home Sales Statistics Released, November 20, 2013 Press Release by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Realtors**

Mr. Stone thanked Mr. Barkett for providing the Home Sales statistics that was included in the meeting packet. He stated that these statistics reflect affordability housing gaps in terms of median home sales versus single family inventory supply.

Chair Navarro recognized two guests that were present at the Housing Council meeting: Mr. Howard Bakalar and Mr. Pablo Calvo from Broward County United Way. She acknowledged that the Broward County United Way received approximately \$2 million earmarked for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing of approximately 400 chronically homeless veterans and their families. Mr. Calvo stated that they will be working in collaboration with the Homeless Assistance Center to identify eligible veterans in their care, Broward Region Health Planning Council and the Urban League of Broward County to provide case management services in addition to rental assistance to these veterans. In addition, they will work with the Veteran’s Administration office in Miami-Dade and the City of Tamarac to reach other veterans and their families to help them obtain and sustain affordable housing in the future.

## **VIII. Next Council Meeting:**

Friday, February 14, 2014  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Seminar Room 2

## **IX. Adjournment:**

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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