



BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Broward Housing Council was held on Friday, February 14, 2014, commencing at 10:03 a.m., at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC), located at 2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Seminar Room 2, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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

Council Members Present:

Monica Navarro, Chair	Caryl Hattan
Robert Baldwin	Richard Lemack
Richard Barkett	Gino Moro
Ann Deibert	Marcia Barry-Smith
Frances Esposito	Henry Sniezek

Council Members Absent

Lisa Vecchi, Vice Chair
George Castrataro
Paul Figg
Mercedes Nunez
Dr. Rosalind Osgood
Frank Schnidman
Lois Wexler

Staff:

Rosemarie Fallon	Vena Palo
Mark Journey, Assistant County Attorney	Ralph Stone
Elizabeth Kersting	Michael Wright

Guests

Barbara Blake Boy, Broward County Planning Council
Christina Bilenki, Dunay, Miskel, Bachman, Blattner, LLP
Anne Castro, Chair, Broward County Planning Council/Executive Director Dania Beach Housing Authority
Kim Strong, Homeless Initiative Partnership Section

I. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: *It was moved by Richard Barkett and seconded by Ann Deibert to approve the Minutes of the Broward Housing Council Meeting of December 13, 2013. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

Gino Moro entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Navarro provided a status update on the Joint Planning Workshop held on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 between the Broward County Planning Council (BCPC), the Broward League of Cities (BLOC), and the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regarding the rule making changes to the Broward County Land Use Policy (BCLUP) 1.07.07. She introduced Ms. Anne Castro, Chair, BCPC and Executive Director of Dania Beach Housing Authority. Chair Navarro stated that she believes there should have been more collaboration between the cities and the County in terms of refining the implementation items. She mentioned a letter from the Mayor of the City of Hollywood was sent to the County Commissioners which summarized their perspective of the proposed amendments to the rule making changes to BCLUP 1.07.07 were not necessary at this time. She informed Council members that

on Monday, February 17, 2014 there will a Planning Council Ad-hoc meeting to further discuss the proposed changes to the BCLUP 1.07.07.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No Director's report.

IV. Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP) Administrator's Report

Mr. Michael Wright introduced Ms. Kim Strong as the new Homeless Continuum of Care Quality Assurance Coordinator with the HIP section. He updated the Council on the 2014 Point-in-time Count (PIT) that was held on January 21-23, 2014. He discussed the enrollment of the 100,000 Homeless Campaign which is a national movement of communities working together to find permanent homes for the country's most vulnerable homeless individuals and families. Mr. Wright informed Council members of a new tool, the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization and Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) which is designed to help identify the best type of support and housing intervention for homeless individuals. He stated that 85 percent or 650 homeless persons surveyed completed the vulnerability index tool and this provided a snapshot of the most vulnerable homeless persons on the streets during that period.

Mr. Wright mentioned three new projects that HIP will fund in collaboration with Broward Partnership for the Homeless and Broward Housing Solutions. The goal is to produce 100 units of permanent housing of which 60 units will be used to house the chronically homeless. In addition, he talked about the partnership with the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition which resulted in an allocation of \$300,000 for short term financial assistance to support up to 50 chronically homeless persons. Mr. Wright concluded by stating that HIP submitted an application to the State for \$138,000 in prevention assistance for rental and utilities assistance and stated that these funds will be processed through the Family Success Centers.

HIP Advisory Board report

Ms. Caryl Hattan indicated that the PIT count was a very challenging effort and would not have been possible without the continued efforts of the individuals willing to volunteer their time.

V. Old Business

A. Update on the contract "Evaluation of Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Activities of Banks in Broward County"

Mr. Stone updated Council members on the status of the final report "Evaluation of Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Activities of Banks in Broward County" that was to be presented by Carras Community Investment, Inc. He indicated that Mr. Carras was unable to meet all of the deliverable deadlines outlined in the Scope of Services and therefore the contract was extended from October 2013 to November 2013. Mr. Stone further stated that since three months had already passed since the November 2013 extension, a Notice of Breach of Contract was FedEx to Mr. Carras. Mr. Stone informed the Council that if Mr. Carras fail to follow through within the 10 calendar days, the County could terminate the Agreement. There was discussion amongst Council members regarding payment, termination, and additional funding if the contract is terminated. He stated that Mr. Carras was paid \$10,000 of the \$25,000 contract. Mr. Stone will keep the Council updated on any future changes. Chair Navarro concluded that a contingency plan needs to be in place regarding the Work Program.

B. Update to the proposed amendments to the Administrative Rules for Broward County Land Use Plan regarding Affordable Housing

Mr. Stone spoke about the Administrative Rules for Broward County Land Use Plan (BCLUP) 1.07.07 regarding Affordable Housing. He stated that the draft was submitted to the Council for their review and recommendation. Mr. Stone stated that staff recommends approval of the draft amendments to the Administrative Rules for the BCLUP. He deferred to Ms. Barbara Blake Boy, Executive Director of the Broward County Planning Council (BCPC).

Ms. Blake Boy provided a summary of the changes that occurred since the last Council's meeting in December 2013. She provided a timeline of several meetings that occurred between the BCPC, the BLOC, and the BOCC. She spoke about the Joint Planning Workshop that was held on January 29, 2014 which initiated a small sub-committee of three members from each entity. She mentioned that the group will meet on Monday February 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. to further discuss BCLUP 1.07.07 regarding affordable housing and amendments to the Administrative Rules Document clarifying the implementation of BCLUP Policy 1.07.07. Ms. Blake Boy stated that based on changes made from that workshop, those changes will then go back to the BCPC for review at their February 27, 2014 meeting. The final document is due to be presented before the BOCC in April, 2014.

Ms. Castro spoke in reference to the proposed amendment and the upcoming meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee that will be meeting on February 17, 2014. She provided details of concerns raised by the cities in reference to the process and the need to address a few issues that will provide clarity and necessitate a comparative review relative to streamlining their supply and demands and long term goals in terms of reaching a solution that is agreeable by all towards affordable housing.

There was a lengthy discussion among Council members and Staff. Mr. Stone reiterated what was discussed. He also provided details on issues reflected by the cities and from the developers' perspective in terms of flex units and set asides. He stated that the intent of the proposed amendments was to: (1) Standardization of an Affordable Housing Study and (2) Standardization of Payment in Lieu of Mitigation.

Chair Navarro provided a synopsis of this discussion acknowledging its complexities in the development process and requested a motion in support of approving the draft amendment to the administrative rules for the BCLUP regarding Affordable Housing. Council members Richard Barkett, Robert Baldwin, and Richard Lemack voted against the motion. Mr. Stone and Mr. Sniezek provided further explanations and clarification. Informational handouts that were provided earlier were reviewed and a second motion was made to support the two concepts: the Standardization of an Affordable Housing Study and Standardization of Payment in Lieu of Mitigation. A friendly amendment to the motion was made by Caryl Hattan to include that a special Council meeting be scheduled to review the final draft amendments so that the Council will have an opportunity to take a position on the specific draft amendments before it goes before the Planning Council and the BOCC. After further discussion a motion was made.

MOTION: *It was moved by Francine Esposito and seconded by Ann Deibert for the Housing Council to support the two concepts as staff defined: the Standardization of an Affordable Housing Study and Standardization of the Payment in lieu of Mitigation subject to the details of the final document of the Joint Planning Workshop. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

C. 2014 Work Program

Mr. Stone stated that there were no changes to the work Program.

Mr. Barkett discussed the housing market crisis and the need for Broward County to consider raising the sales tax rate by one cent and dedicate ½ cent towards transportation and ½ cent towards affordable housing. He stated that these two major issues, housing and transportation, are critical in Broward County and this could be an opportunity to generate revenue for the County. There was consensus among several Council members; therefore, Chair Navarro indicated that this is an issue for future discussion and will be added to an upcoming agenda.

VI. New Business:

No new business to report.

VII. Informational Only

Chair Navarro informed Council members that a letter was forwarded to Governor Scott, and the Legislative Delegation regarding Affordable Housing in Broward County/SHIP Funding.

VIII. Next Housing Council Meeting

Chair Navarro stated that the next Council meeting may be held before Friday, April 25, 2014 in order to review and finalize the Draft amendments to the Administrative Rules for Broward County Land Use Plan that was discussed earlier. Members will be informed of the new meeting date.

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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