



BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Broward Housing Council was held on Friday, August 26, 2016, commencing at 10:10AM at the City of Fort Lauderdale City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, 8th Floor Conference Room, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, James Carras
Vice Chair, Councilmember Caryl Hattan
Ann Deibert
Frances Esposito
Abby Freedman
Gino Moro
Monica Navarro
Mercedes Nunez
Deputy Vice Mayor David Rosenof
Frank Schnidman
Ralph Stone
Lisa Vecchi

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Baldwin
Richard Barkett
Lee Feldman
Commissioner Dale V.V. Holness
John Peters
Randall Vitale

STAFF:

Henry Sniezek, Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department
Jo Sesodia, Planning and Development Management Division (PDM)
Maite Azcoitia, Office of the County Attorney
Michael Wright, Homeless Initiative Partnership Section
Angela M. Chin, PDM
Vena Paylo, PDM

ROLL CALL: Roll call was conducted by Vena Paylo with a quorum present.

I. APPROVAL OF JUNE 24, 2016, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: *It was moved by David Rosenof and seconded by Lisa Vecchi to approve the Minutes of the Broward Housing Council Meeting of June 24, 2016. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

Henry Sniezek advised Council Members that the former Chair, Randall Vitale, had resigned. He indicated the Mr. Vitale accepted a new job opportunity that does not meet the "Banking" criteria for the Housing Council's membership. Mr. Sniezek recognized and thanked Mr. Vitale

for his dedication, commitment, and creative thinking serving as Chair and wished him well in his new position. All present Council members concurred with his sentiments.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sniezek welcomed new council member, Abby Freedman representing the Broward County School Board. In addition, he spoke about the Planning Council workshop, confirmed that this would be his last meeting, and introduced Jo Sesodia, Director, Planning and Development Management Division as his staff replacement. Mr. Sniezek also advised Council members that Frank Schnidman, the John M. DeGrove Eminent Scholar Chair in Growth Management and Development, is retiring from Florida Atlantic University where he worked at the Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions (CUES). Mr. Schnidman stated that he will continue to serve on the Council until the end of his term.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

V. HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD REPORT

Michael Wright provided an update on the Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) projects. He stated the following:

- On September 14, 2016, the CoC will submit the 2016 HUD Homeless Continuum of Care Application for \$10.78 Million for 24 projects comprised of 22 Renewal Permanent, Transitional and HMIS Grants; and 2 New Projects: one New CoC Planning Grant and one New Bonus Project for Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless.
- The CoC was awarded \$338,643 from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) State Office on Homelessness for following three programs: \$107,143 Local Coalition Staffing Grant; \$200,000 State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) for Emergency Shelter Operations and Rapid Rehousing; and \$31,500 from the States Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds for Homeless Prevention. In addition, the CoC's 2016-2017 Challenge Grant Application is pending notice of award.
- The CoC is working collaboratively with community stakeholders to submit an application for funding through the highly competitive HUD Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grant Application on November 30, 2016. Only 6 Urban Counties will receive awards via this grant.
- The 2017 Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count kicks off on Thursday, September 29, 2016.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officer: Chair

MOTION: *It was moved by Monica Navarro and seconded by Frank Schnidman to approve the nomination of James Carras to serve for a one-year term as Chair to the Broward Housing Council. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

Following the Chair's nomination, the Chair thanked the Council members and requested that the Council's mission be added to all future correspondence.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2017 Proposed Work Program

The Chair addressed each item and area of interest of the Work Program and took members suggestions. After discussion, Council agreed upon all Work Program action items for 2017.

The Chair requested that staff send him a revised work program prior to the next scheduled meeting. Angela Chin agreed to submit this with all added comments and edits to the work program.

MOTION: *It was moved by Mercedes Nunez and seconded by Ann Deibert to adopt the proposed 2017 Work Program as amended. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

There was some discussion regarding funding to update the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Study prepared by the Florida International University Metropolitan Center, based on current and future trends in affordable housing. Council Members were in favor of requesting funding to hire a consultant to update the Study and suggested it be add to the work program if needed.

VIII. NEXT HOUSING COUNCIL MEETING

The Council members agreed to move the September 23rd meeting to December 16th due to conflicts with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) 2016 Symposium which several members will be attending.

MOTION: *It was moved by Vice Chair Hattan and seconded by Frances Esposito to move the September 23, 2016 Housing Council meeting to December 16, 2016. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM.

Disclosure: The above captioned Minutes are transcribed in a summary format.