



## BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Broward Housing Council was held on Friday, April 28, 2017, commencing at 10:04AM in the African American Research Library & Cultural Center (AARLCC), Seminar Room 2, 2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.

**Council Members Present:**

Chair, James Carras  
Vice Chair, Caryl Hattan (Town of Davie Council Member)  
Robert Baldwin  
Richard Barkett  
Heather Brinkworth  
Ann Deibert  
Frances Esposito  
Gino Moro  
Drew Saito  
Marcia Barry Smith  
Ralph Stone

**Council Members Absent:**

Lee Feldman  
Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness  
Mercedes Nunez  
Lisa Vecchi

**Staff:**

Jo Sesodia, Planning and Development  
Management Division (PDMD)  
Angela Chin, PDMD  
Christopher Flynn, PDMD  
Tarnell Carroll, PDMD

**Guests:**

Lottie A. Brown, Broward Emergency Mgmt Div.  
Kimm Campbell, Human Services Department  
Kenisha Bryant, Broward Behavior Health Coalition  
Sandra Veszi Einhorn  
Frank Schnidman

**Roll Call:** Roll Call was conducted by Christopher Flynn with a quorum present.

### **I. Approval of the December 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Caryl Hattan and seconded by Ann Deibert to approve the minutes of the Broward Housing Council Meeting of December 16, 2016. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

### **II. Chair's Report: James Carras**

The Chair requested from staff to come back to the Council with a plan on better disseminating information to our Elected Officials via website and newsletter as well as redesigning the website.

### **III. Director's Report: Jo Sesodia**

Jo Sesodia handed-out materials regarding BrowardNEXT. She stated that BrowardNEXT was approved by the Commissioners the week before this meeting, and includes a section on affordable housing. Ms. Sesodia mentioned the goal of BrowardNext as it relates to affordable housing. She indicated their priorities include sustainable funding sources, supporting innovative construction techniques, housing density bonus program, and working with municipalities to ensure a sufficient supply of affordable housing.

**IV. Public Comments:** No comments.

**V. Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP) Administrator's Report: Michael Wright**

Michael Wright handed-out information in association with his report. Information on the 2017 Point-in -Time Counts (PIT) totals and information on the County receiving a new bonus grant of more than \$365,675 to fund 46 additional beds for the chronically homeless. Mr. Wright mentioned that there were 957 unsheltered individuals and/or families counted this year up from last year which was attributed to better weather conditions and better coordination with law enforcement agencies.

**Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Report: Vice Chair Caryl Hattan**

Vice Chair Hattan mentioned that Commissioner Rich and the CoC Board has full support of the intent on decriminalization of homelessness. The Chair requested from staff to add to the agenda a discussion on the Pompano Beach Stockade for a temporary homeless shelter. Angela Chin stated she has and will again reach-out to Captain Scott Russell with the Broward Sheriff's Office and request that he speak on this item. Kimm Campbell, Director, Human Services Department, stated that the County Commissioners previously have discussed the use of the stockade and determined that this would not be a viable use for a homeless shelter or emergency shelter. She indicated that the stockade purpose will continue to serve as an overflow for the county jails.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Election of Officers: Chair and Vice Chair**

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Robert Baldwin and seconded by Richard Barkett to reappoint Mr. James Carras to serve for a one-year term as Chair to the Housing Council. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Chair Carras and seconded by Heather Brinkworth to reappoint Ms. Chair Hattan to serve for a one-year term as Vice Chair to the Housing Council. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

**B. 2017 Broward Housing Summit overview and recommendations**

The Chair spoke briefly about the Affordable Housing Summit that was held on March 29, 2017 at Nova Southeastern University with over 200 people in attendance. The goal, he stated, was to engage the community in addressing Broward's affordable/workforce housing crisis, identify dedicated forces, and conclude with solutions to move forward. Mr. Carras mentioned the overall vision is to create a comprehensive housing plan.

The Chair requested from staff to come back to the Council on a plan to redesign the website, and timely dissemination of materials.

**VII. Old Business**

## **A. Progress report: 2017 Broward Housing Council's Work Program**

***MOTION:*** *It was moved by Vice Chair Hattan and seconded by Frances Esposito to request funding to update to the previous 2014 Broward County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Study. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

## **VIII. Next Housing Council Meeting**

Friday, June 23, 2017, 10:00AM

African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC)

2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Seminar Room 2, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

## **IX. Adjournment**

***MOTION:*** *There being no other business to discuss before the Council, it was moved by Lisa Vecchi and seconded by Marcia Barry Smith to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:13AM.*

**Disclosure:** The above captioned minutes are transcribed in a summary format. To hear the full meeting, a compact disk of the meeting (#17-SC-30) can be provided after 24 hour notice to the Document Control and Minutes Section at 954-357-7290.