

SUMMARY MINUTES



BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL

June 23, 2017 - 10:00 AM

African American Research Library and Cultural Center, Seminar Room 2
2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present

James Carras, Chair
Ann Deibert
Comm. Dale V.C. Holness
Sue Fejes

Caryl Hattan, Vice Chair
Howard Elfman
Gino Moro
Lisa Vecchi

Heather Brinkworth
Frances Esposito
Drew Saito

Board Members Absent

Robert Baldwin
Mercedes Nunez

Joy Cooper
Marcia Barry Smith

Lee Feldman

County Staff

Jo Sesodia, Director
Chris Flynn, Admin

Angela Chin, Coordinator
Sara Forelle

Sue Carrano, Coordinator
Roodvensky Allonce, Intern

Attendees who signed in

Lottie A. Brown, Broward
Emergency Mgmt Div.
Frank Schnidman

Kenisha Bryant, Broward
Behavior Health Coalition

Sara Barkley, BSO Re-Entry
Housing

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting called to order at approximately 10:07 am. Roll call was taken by Chris Flynn. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded per the published agenda.

I. Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2017

Motion: Lisa Vecchi motioned for the minutes to be accepted. Ann Deibert seconded. All in favor.

II. Chair's Report: James Carras

Chair Carras noted two members departed. Ralph Stone, replaced by Sue Fejes, present at this meeting. Richard Barket, replaced by Howard Elfman, present at this meeting. Ann Deibert was reappointed to her position.

III. Director's Report: Jo Sesodia

Jo Sesodia wished farewell to Angela Chin, departing for another County position, and welcomed Sue Carrano as the new BHC Coordinator. Updated contact list was passed around for Board members to update their information.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments.

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

Michael Wright not present for this meeting. Report will be deferred to the next meeting.

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

Vice Chair Hattan discussed funding issues and services brought before the Broward County Commission. Noted that the Fort Lauderdale Homeless Committee has been Sunset. Crisis Housing Solutions offered a \$450,000 grant through JP Morgan, but is set for Central Florida, no coverage in South Florida.

VI. New Business

A. Submit draft FY 2015-16 Broward Housing Council's Annual Report to the Board of County Commissioners for Acceptance

Motion: Frances Esposito motioned for the draft Annual Report to be submitted to the County Commissioners. Vice Chair Hattan seconded. All in favor.

B. Status updated to the 2014 Broward County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Study

Chair Carras noted the format previously provided by FIU and moving forward with the assessments. Ms. Chin mentioned FIU has not been selected as a consultant, no consultant has been selected to review and discuss this assessment yet. Jo Sesodia added that budget does exist to hire a consultant but may need to go through RFP due to sole source restrictions. Staff should have an update on this process for the Board at the August meeting.

VII. Old Business

A. Discussion regarding the usage of the Broward Sheriff's Office Stockade as a housing option for persons experiencing homelessness. See transcript of the County Commission Joint City of Fort Lauderdale Workshop held May 9, 2017.

Tabled discussion to the August meeting. Commissioner Holness noted particular issues using the stockade. The design of the stockade is to house the jail overflow, especially during crisis or emergency needs. The stockade, as it stands, was not built for housing but specifically for confinement and lockdown. Any homelessness grant money would require specifics that the stockade, by design, does not fit.

B. Progress report: 2017 Broward Housing Council's Work Program

Progress being shown on itemized issues of the work program and potential funding support.

C. Status update to the website and newsletter modifications

Jo Sesodia discussed topics to improve outreach and communications with the public. Currently there are almost 900 subscribers to the email list. Recommended changing newsletter to a monthly basis, sometime within the next 2-3 months. The need to refresh/redesign the website will follow current County design, to include carousel pictures, and will have current housing policy for reference. Will be more local design rather than independent design.

D. Follow-up discussion regarding the Broward Housing Summit

Chair Carras noted the summit focused on solutions, looking at dedicated revenue sources from the County comprehensive housing strategy/plan. Discussed expected budget and shortfalls. The intent is to dedicate the BHC August meeting to discuss solutions based on focus points of the summit. Plan is to use full agenda of the next meeting to come to solutions.

VIII. Next Housing Council Meeting

Friday, August 25, 2017, 10:00AM

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IX. Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chair Hattan motioned for adjournment. Gino Moro seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

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