



SUMMARY MINUTES

BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL
December 15, 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	Caryl Hattan, Vice Chair
Heather Brinkworth	Frances Esposito	Comm. Dale V.C. Holness
Joy Cooper	Suzanne Fejes	Gino Moro
Mercedes Nunez	Marcia Barry-Smith	

Board Members Absent

Howard Elfman	Lisa Vecchi	Drew Saito
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County Staff

Jo Sesodia, Director	Chris Salerno, PDMD	Mark Journey, CAO
Sue Carrano, Coordinator		

Attendees who signed in

Frank Schnidman	D'Wayne Spence	Michael Wright
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1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting called to order at approximately 10:10 a.m. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded per the published agenda.

2) Approval of the October 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Holness moved to approve the meeting minutes. Ann Deibert seconded. All in favor, as is.

3) Chair's Report: James Carras

Chair Carras updated the BHC regarding the draft affordable housing study prepared by the Coordinating Council of Broward County and noted three resulting key tenets: advocate for creation of affordable housing trust fund; establish policies which require set-aside percentages of affordable housing units for new residential developments with 10 or more dwelling units; and encourage cities and CRAs to consider city-owned properties for affordable housing development. Chair Carras also reported that the School Board of Broward County will be expanding their affordable housing school impact fee waiver program to incorporate both very low- and low-income housing projects.

4) Director's Report: Jo Sesodia

Ms. Sesodia introduced new staff member Chris Salerno, Public Information Specialist, who will be responsible for the BHC web page.

5) Public Comments

Commissioner Holness introduced D'Wayne Spence, Manager of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights CRA.

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

Mr. Wright announced that volunteers are needed for the Broward County Point in Time Count which is an annual count of the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population.

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

The Broward Continuum of Care (CoC) strategic plan, which targets the issue of rapid re-housing, will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in January 2018.

7) New Business

A) Proposed 2018 Broward Housing Council Work Program

Jo Sesodia, PDMD, presented the proposed Work Program for 2018 which has a new format and focuses on policy initiatives while recognizing the BHC mission. The work program is structured under six (6) focus areas: Facilitate Coordination; Increase Affordable Housing Stock; Enhance Housing Stability; Advocate for Legislative Change; Streamline Process; and Address Homelessness.

Motion: Joy Cooper moved to adopt the 2018 Work Program as presented. Commissioner Holness seconded. All in favor.

B) Issuance of Support Letter for House Bill 191 Regarding the State Housing Trust Fund

Chair Carras noted that this legislation, which will prevent future sweeps from the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund to be used for projects unrelated to affordable housing, aligns with the BHC's work plan.

Motion: Mercedes Nunez moved to direct staff to craft a letter of support which will be presented to the County Commission in January. Marcia Barry-Smith seconded. All in favor.

8) Old Business

A) Broward Charter Review Commission Update

Chair Carras reported that the Charter Review Commission (CRC) approved CRC Resolution 2018-007 on December 13. This resolution establishes an affordable housing trust fund in Broward County for all affordable income levels which will be administered by the County. The resolution language will be included on a future ballot (November 2018 general election); date TBD.

B) CRA Legislation Update

Jim Carras presented an update from the County's Intergovernmental Affairs Section regarding HB 17 which addresses reporting and budgeting requirements and pending expiration of existing CRAs. Upon expiration, a portion of the CRA funding currently provided by the County may be designated for affordable housing efforts.

C) Status Report: 2014 Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Update

Sue Carrano reported that staff is working with the County's Purchasing Division to determine the eligibility of this project as a sole source.

9) Next Housing Council Meeting

Friday, February 23, 2018, 10:00AM

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10) Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chair Hattan motioned for adjournment. Frances Esposito seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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