

# SUMMARY MINUTES



## BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL

February 23, 2018 - 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  
Howard Elfman  
Drew Saito  
Marcia Barry-Smith

Ann Deibert  
Frances Esposito  
Suzanne Fejes

Caryl Hattan, Vice Chair  
Comm. Dale V.C. Holness  
Gino Moro

### Board Members Absent

Heather Brinkworth

Mercedes Nunez

Lisa Vecchi

### County Staff

Maribel Feliciano, PDMD  
Sue Carrano, Coordinator

Chris Salerno, PDMD

Scott Adron, CAO

### Attendees who signed in

D'Wayne Spence

Sandra Veszi Einhorn

Michael Wright, HIP

### 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting called to order at approximately 10:12 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:** Howard Elfman moved to approve the meeting minutes. Caryl Hattan seconded. All in favor, as is.

### 3) Chair's Report: James Carras

Chair Carras reported that *Housing Broward: An Inclusive Plan* is in the final editing stage and will be presented at the next BHC meeting on April 27. The BHC will review the document and identify potential actions to be supported by the council members. Sandra Veszi Einhorn, executive director of the Coordinating Council of Broward (CCB) reported that the action steps focus on education and advocacy. A news release about this project will be issued in March.

Chair Carras announced that the Broward Charter Review Commission will hold public workshops in March regarding proposed Charter changes, including CRC Resolution 2018-007 which establishes an affordable housing trust fund. Staff will electronically forward these meeting dates and locations to the BHC; Chair Carras encouraged BHC members to attend.

### 4) Director's Report: Jo Sesodia

Sue Carrano reported on behalf of Jo Sesodia who could not attend due to a scheduling conflict. The Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department is applying for a Fannie Mae grant (Sustainable Communities Innovation Challenge). The County is requesting a \$242,155 grant for architectural design services that will reduce affordable housing construction costs. If selected for a grant, a member of the BHC may be designated to serve on the project committee.

## **5) Public Comments**

None.

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

Mr. Wright reported that the CoC received an \$8.5 million grant – \$7.6 million from HUD and \$874,000 n-kind match – which funded 795 beds. The CoC is addressing rapid rehousing program especially for youth.

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

Vice-Chair Hattan announced that the annual Broward Point in Time Count of the homeless population was conducted on January 23 and 24 with a youth event on January 26. A preliminary analysis indicates the number of homeless will be decreasing.

## **7) New Business**

### **A) Presentation of BrowardNext 2.0**

Maribel Feliciano and Sue Carrano, Planning and Development Management Division, presented the proposed comprehensive plan update elements, processes and timeline. This included an overview of notable goals, objectives and policies of the Housing Element. A BrowardNEXT 2.0 public workshop is scheduled for March 14 and Chair Carras encouraged BHC members to attend and provide comment. Chair Carras also requested that a BHC workshop regarding the full Housing Element be included on the April 27 agenda so that comments can be provided, prior to submittal to the State.

## **8) Old Business**

### **A) Issuance of Support Letter for House Bill 191 Regarding the State Housing Trust Fund**

Sue Carrano reported that, during their December 15, 2017 meeting, the BHC approved the issuance of a letter of support for HB 191 to be presented to the County Commission. However, the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs verified that the County Commission had already voiced their support of this legislation; therefore, the letter of support was determined to be unnecessary.

### **B) Status Report: 2014 Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Update**

Sue Carrano reported a Request for Information (RFI) for the needs assessment update is now available on Purchasing's website. The deadline for RFI submittals is Friday, March 2 and responses will determine if the project procurement is sole sourced or must follow the RFP process. Chair Carras requested that, if the project is subject to an RFP, the BHC review the proposed scope prior to submittal to Purchasing.

### **C) Broward Housing Council Website Update**

Chris Salerno provided an update to the BHC regarding the website's design and content. The County will soon be converting all agency websites to a new format. Suggestions from BHC members included: 1) add glossary of housing acronyms; 2) eliminate dead links; and 3) logo or branding of the BHC. The newsletter will be designed as a web page and distributed via e-mail blast with over 1,000 subscribers.

**D) Next Housing Council Meeting**

Friday, April 27, 2018, 10:00AM

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**E) Adjournment**

**Motion:** Ann Deibert motioned for adjournment. Suzanne Fejes seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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