

SUMMARY MINUTES

BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL

June 22, 2018 - 10:00 AM

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

Board Members Present

Marcia Barry-Smith, Chair	Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair	Ajibola Balogun
Ann Deibert	Howard Elfman	Comm. Dale V.C. Holness
Barbara Mendez	Gino Moro	Drew Saito
Ralph Stone	Lisa Vecchi	Beverly Williams

Board Members Absent

Heather Brinkworth	Frances Esposito	Mercedes Nunez
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County Staff

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

Attendees who signed in

Sandra Veszi Einhorn, CCB	Erin Weiss, Legal Aid	Christopher Krzemien, RAPB & BFLR
Dawn Schweiker, AA Town & Country Mortgage	Bertisha Combs	Easton Harrison

1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting called to order at approximately 10:02 am. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded per the published agenda.

2) Approval of the April 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ajibola Balogun advised that his last name is misspelled in Item 7B and moved to approve the meetings, as corrected. Vice-Chair Caryl Hattan seconded. All in favor.

3) Chair's Report: Marcia Barry-Smith

A) BHC Members' Self-Introductions

Chair Barry-Smith requested that each member introduce themselves including their affiliation and primary affordable housing focus/interest area. Staff and guests also gave self-introductions.

B) Discussion and Approval of Proposed Affordable Housing Workshop

Chair Barry-Smith proposed that the BHC sponsor an Affordable Housing Workshop which is included as a 2018 Work Program item. The date is October 26, in lieu of a regular meeting, and will be a half day workshop held at a County park facility. The workshop will focus on the regulatory and financial components of affordable housing. Presentations about new and innovative resources will be provided by banks and regulators. This information will identify strategies for use by the BHC to help build resilient communities. The list of presenters includes Federal Reserve Bank, Office of the Comptroller of Currency, FDIC, CRA officers and senior Broward bank managers.

Other Discussion Points:

- ❖ Sue Carrano will distribute a Save the Date for the event.
- ❖ Gino Moro offered assistance with the workshop.
- ❖ Drews Saito suggested the inclusion of a CRA roundtable, and recommended that non-repository lenders and banks also be included.
- ❖ Commissioner Holness recommended a panel discussion about Opportunity Zones.
- ❖ Jo Sesodia stated that County staff will provide facilitation.

4) Director's Report: Jo Sesodia

A) Discussion and Approval of Draft Policies and Procedures for BHC Newsletter, Website and Social Media

Jo Sesodia presented proposed policies and procedures regarding the publishing of items for the BHC's website, newsletter and social media sites. These will enable consistency and limit content to housing policy related items.

Motion: Vice-Chair Caryl Hattan motioned to approve the draft policies and procedures as presented. Gino Moro seconded. All in favor.

5) Public Comments

- Sandra Veszi Einhorn announced that the Coordinating Council of Broward (CCB) received a grant to fund marketing efforts in support of the proposed Broward County Affordable Housing Trust Fund resolution. The resolution will be included on the November 2018 ballot.
- Roger Newkirk, Broward resident, addressed the BHC about his difficulty in finding stable, affordable housing.
- Easton Harrison, community activist, stated he is a resident of Lauderdale Lakes interested in affordable housing outreach efforts.

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

Mr. Wright was not present; no report given.

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

Vice Chair Hattan was present, no report given.

7) New Business

A) Motion to Accept 2016-17 Annual Report

Sue Carrano stated that the BHC's approval of the draft 2016-17 Annual Report will enable staff to forward it to the Board of County Commissioners for acceptance.

Motion: Commissioner Holness motioned to approve the 2016-17 Annual Report, as presented. Lisa Vecchi seconded. All in favor.

B) Tracking of BHC Work Program and BrowardNEXT Housing Policies

Sue Carrano presented a matrix of 2018 BHC work program items and proposed comprehensive plan update policies. The matrix will be updated on a regular basis, showing the status of each item, and made available on the BHC website.

8) Old Business

A) Status of Update to 2014 Affordable Housing Needs Assessment

Jo Sesodia reported that the Purchasing Division is determining the process for this project.

9) Next Housing Council Meeting

Friday, August 31, 2018, 10:00AM

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10) Adjournment

Motion: Barbara Mendez motioned for adjournment. Lisa Vecchi seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.

Purpose: *To serve in an advisory capacity to the County Commission and to facilitate coordination between the County, municipalities, the business community and not-for-profit groups to address housing issues including, but not limited to, affordable housing, workforce housing and homelessness. The Council shall submit an annual report to the County Commission and other organizations represented by the Council.*

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