

# SUMMARY MINUTES

**BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL**  
**August 31, 2018 - 10:00 AM**  
**African American Research Library and Cultural Center, Seminar Room 2**  
**2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311**

## Board Members Present

Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair	Ajibola Balogun	Ann Deibert
Frances Esposito	Comm. Dale V.C. Holness	Christopher Krzemien
Barbara Mendez	Gino Moro	Drew Saito
Ralph Stone	Lisa Vecchi	Beverly Williams

## Board Members Absent

Marcia Barry-Smith, Chair	Heather Brinkworth	Howard Elfman
Mercedes Nunez		

## County Staff

Jo Sesodia, Director	Darby Delsalle, Asst. Director	Sue Carrano, Coordinator
Maite Azcoitia, CAO		

## Attendees who signed in

Corey Hinds, Center for Independent Living of Broward	Roderick Newkirk, Broward resident	Erin Weiss, Legal Aid of Broward
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### 1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting called to order at approximately 10:04 am by Vice Chair Caryl Hattan who is serving as the meeting Chair, at the request of Marcia Barry-Smith who has a scheduling conflict. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded per the published agenda.

### 2) Approval of the June 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ajibola Balogun seconded. All in favor.

### 3) Chair's Report: Caryl Hattan, Vice Chair

#### A) Announcement of New Appointment to the Broward Housing Council: Mr. Christopher Krzemien, Representing Owner of a Business with at Least 50 Employees

Vice Chair Hattan welcomed new BHC appointee, Chris Krzemien, is a realtor who owns two RE-MAX offices (Fort Lauderdale and Wilton Manors). He serves on the Board of the Realtors of the Palm Beaches & Greater Fort Lauderdale as well as Florida Realtors®.

#### B) Discussion of Affordable Housing Workshop on October 26

The BHC workshop will be held at Oak Ridge Hall in Tree Tops Park, which was generously donated by the Broward County Parks and Recreation Division. Planning is underway and Marcia Barry-Smith is coordinating a speaker panel focusing on innovative ideas in financing

affordable housing. A Save the Date was emailed to BHC newsletter subscribers and the CRA Bankers Roundtable, among others. BHC members should forward this information to any interested parties.

[BHC Work Program Item: Facilitate Coordination – Co-sponsor an annual Affordable Housing Workshop for municipal, business and legislative leaders.]

### **C) Report on Collaboration meeting with Coordinating Council of Broward**

Sue Carrano reported that staff and Marcia Barry-Smith met with Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Executive Director, Coordinating Council of Broward (CCB) on August 6. The BHC's Work Program was reviewed for partnership opportunities with the CCB, primarily related to marketing and outreach efforts.

[BHC Work Program Item: Facilitate Coordination – Seek regional collaboration with other agencies to address affordable housing issues.]

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

Jo Sesodia referred to items A and B under Old Business and requested the reformatting of future agendas to move New Business and Old Business directly under the Director's Report. She also referred to an informational handout from the Florida Policy Institute regarding State Constitution Amendment 5.

### **5) Public Comments**

Roger Newkirk, Broward resident, thanked Ms. Mendez for her referrals to affordable apartment units. He also noted that Commissioner Holness previously helped him with the Family Success Program. He has written to the HUD Regional Administrator regarding the affordable housing situation in Broward County.

Frances Esposito offered her assistance through the Broward Partnership's Families First! Rapid Rehousing program which is privately funded.

### **6) Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP) Administrator's Report: Rebecca McGuire**

Caryl Hattan announced that Michael Wright is no longer with the HIP and thanked him for his service. Ms. Rebecca McGuire is currently serving as the HIP interim administrator. She was unable to attend today's meeting; however, she will be advised of future BHC meetings.

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

Members of the Homeless Coalition and local business leaders are collaborating to solve homeless problem, in part through private investments. Commissioner Holness will provide an update at next meeting.

### **7) New Business**

#### **A) Report on Affordable Housing Video to Support Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

Sue Carrano reported that a County Commission action item directs the Broward Housing Council to implement an education/advocacy program for amending the Sadowski Act. A staff project team is working to produce an affordable housing video which addresses Sadowski Housing Trust Fund legislative sweeps. The video is sponsored by the BHC and is due for release in mid September.

[BHC Work Program Item: Advocate for Legislative Change – Support legislation that creates and/or retains funding for affordable housing initiatives such as the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) and prevents future sweeps from the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund.]

**8) Old Business**

**A) Letter of Support to Board of County Commissioners Regarding Affordable Housing Action Items**

Jo Sesodia reported that the Broward Housing Council's letter supporting the County Commission's action items, with the exception of the item regarding the municipalities' fair share contributions towards affordable housing, was sent to the Board in early July.

**Board Acceptance of BHC 2016-17 Annual Report**

Jo Sesodia announced that the Board of County Commissioners unanimously accepted the Broward Housing Council's FY 2016-17 Annual Report at their August 13, 2018 meeting.

**B) Tracking of BHC Work Program and BrowardNEXT Housing Policies Updates**

The status of items included on the affordable housing policy matrix were reviewed. Ralph Stone and Commissioner Holness provided updates on some of these items.

**9) Save the Date – BHC Affordable Housing Workshop on Friday, October 26, 2018; 8:30 AM – 12 PM; Tree Tops Park, Oak Ridge Hall; 3900 SW 100 Avenue, Davie, FL 33328**

**10) Adjournment**

**Motion:** Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness motioned for adjournment. Barbara Mendez seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 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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