

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### **BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL** **August 23, 2019- 10:00 AM** **African American Research Library and Cultural Center, Seminar Room 2** **2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311**

#### **Board Members Present**

Ajibola Balogun	Marcia-Barry Smith, Chair	Heather Brinkworth
Ann Deibert	Frances Esposito	Hermes Garcia
Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair	Vice-Mayor Dale Holness	Gino Moro
Ralph Stone	Teneshia Taylor	Lisa Vecchi

#### **Board Members Absent**

Howard Elfman	Christopher Krzemien	Barbara Mendez
Beverly Williams		

#### **County Staff**

Jo Sesodia, Director	Sue Carrano, Coordinator	Sydney Hall, PDMD Intern
Mark Journey, CAO	Kavaja Sarduy, HIP	Kenisha Anthony, HIP Intern

#### **Attendees who signed in**

Richard Horner, NAMI of Broward County	Sandra Veszi-Einhorn, Coordinating Council of Broward
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#### **1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting called to order at approximately 10:07 AM by Chair Marcia Barry-Smith. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano and a quorum was present.

#### **2) Approval of the June 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Frances Esposito moved to approve the minutes as presented. Hermes Garcia seconded. All in favor.

#### **3) Chair's Report**

Chair Barry-Smith announced that the BHC will sponsor the *Facets of Affordable Housing* workshop on November 7 at Anne Kolb Nature Center. The refreshments will be sponsored by TIAA Bank. Three (3) panels will address the facets of Regulation, Funding and Financing. The half day workshop is a segue from last year's workshop, which resulted in a new BHC Work Program area of Financing Affordable Housing. Staff will e-mail the workshop Save the Date later today.

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

Ms. Sesodia polled the BHC members regarding their satisfaction with the current meeting venue. The BHC has historically met at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center. There being no motions to modify the meeting location, staff will request the same venue for 2020. Ms. Sesodia also presented the current BHC Social Media Policy for discussion on improvements and/or increasing our online audience. No changes to the Policy were proposed.

#### **5) New Business**

Ralph Stone reported that the Planning Council recently approved changes to the "Commerce" land use category permitting residential uses within mixed use development. The modifications are primarily targeting areas west of Federal Highway, between Broward Boulevard and Sunrise Boulevard. He added

that HB 7103 was signed into law by the Governor, which would generally prevent linkage fees and place conditions on inclusionary zoning. It also allows waivers of impact fees for affordable housing, without designating an alternate funding source. Vice-Mayor Holness stated that Broward County is only one of two Florida counties funding affordable housing with the General Fund. The County Commission is also exploring policy options with the County Attorney's Office related to inclusionary zoning and additional bonus density incentives.

#### **6) Old Business**

None.

#### **7) Public Comments**

None.

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

Kavaja Sardy, HIP Human Service Manager, was attending on behalf of Dr. McGuire. No report.

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

None.

#### **9) Next Housing Council Meeting**

Save the Date! BHC Affordable Housing Workshop

*Facets of Affordable Housing: Regulation, Funding and Financing*

Thursday, November 7, 2019, 8:30 AM

Anne Kolb Nature Center, Mangrove Hall, 751 Sheridan St., Hollywood, FL 33019

#### **10) Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 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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