

SUMMARY MINUTES

BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL
Friday, February 28, 2020 - 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	Ajibola Balogun	Heather Brinkworth
Beth Daly	Ann Deibert	Frances Esposito
Commissioner Lamar Fisher	Hermes Garcia	Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair
Barbara Mendez	Teneshia Taylor	Lisa Vecchi
Beverly Williams		

Board Members Absent

Christopher Krzemien	Gino Moro	Ralph Stone
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County Staff

Jo Sesodia, Director, PDMD	Sue Carrano, PDMD	Chris Flynn, PDMD
Alicia Lobeiras, CAO	Sue Fejes, HFCRD	Willowstine Lawson, PDMD

Attendees who signed in

Jonathan Salas, City of Deerfield Beach	Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Coordinating Council of Broward	Roderick Newkirk, Community Member
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1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting called to order at approximately 10:04 AM by Chair Marcia Barry-Smith. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano who confirmed that a quorum was present.

2) Introduction of News Appointees

The Broward Housing Council (BHC) welcomed two new members: Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; and Beth Daly, appointed by The Broward, Palm Beaches and St. Lucie Realtors® (local arm of the Florida Realtors) to fill the Licensed Real Estate Professional category on the BHC.

3) BHC Composition and Quorum Rules

Alicia Lobeiras, Assistant County Attorney, identified the voting and non-voting members and reiterated that a quorum is the majority of *voting* members. A non-voting member was erroneously counted towards a quorum for the December 13, 2019 meeting. Therefore, the action items on the December agenda must be reconsidered by the BHC. This includes a BHC Letter of Support to County Commissioners Regarding 2020 Legislative Items; however, this action item requires ratification since the letter was issued.

4) Approval of the August 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Caryl Hattan moved to approve the minutes as presented. Beverly Williams seconded. All in favor.

5) Approval of the November 7, 2019 Affordable Housing Workshop Minutes

Motion: Ajibola Balogun moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Lamar Fisher seconded. All in favor.

6) Approval of the December 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Frances Esposito moved to approve the minutes as presented. Heather Brinkworth seconded. All in favor.

7) Chair's Report

Chair Barry-Smith provided a PowerPoint presentation addressing the status of the State's affordable housing trust funds and an overview of the Neighborhood Homes Investment Act (H.R. 3316).

8) Director's Report

Jo Sesodia, PDMD, reported on the status of four (4) County Land Use Plan Amendments (LUPAs) which were presented to the BHC on December 13, 2019. On February 27, 2020, the Planning Council held a public meeting regarding two of the items: PC 20-5, which revises the County's adopted data and methodology for local government estimates of affordable housing and analysis at each affordable income band; and PC 20-6, regarding inclusionary zoning for affordable housing set-asides and compliance with HB 7103 (2019). The Planning Council supported the data and methodology changes but not the banding by individual income level. PC 20-6 was not supported by the Planning Council as there was substantial opposition from municipalities based on implementation costs and home rule. Alternate language for PC 20-6, proposed by Planning Council staff, was also not supported.

Ms. Sesodia recently attended the ULI Housing Opportunity Conference in Miami during which the Terwilliger Center presented its Attainability Index for Affordable Housing. She has requested the author's permission to post the Index on the Housing Council's website. She reminded attendees that Census Day is April 1; a notification will be mailed in about two weeks.

9) New Business

- A) Approval of BHC 2020 Meeting Dates. **Motion:** Beth Daly moved to approve the 2020 meeting dates as presented. Beverly Williams seconded. All in favor.
- B) Approval of BHC Work Program for 2020. **Motion:** Ann Deibert moved to approve the 2020 Work Program as presented. Commissioner Fisher seconded. All in favor.
- C) Ratify BHC Letter of Support to County Commissioners Regarding 2020 Legislative Items. **Motion:** Ajibola Balogun moved to ratify the letter, as issued to the County Commission on December 13, 2019. Ann Deibert seconded. All in favor.
- D) BHC Fall Workshop. Chair Barry-Smith proposed a full day event for this year's affordable housing workshop, which will be coordinated by a Workshop Committee. Members interested in participating on the committee should contact Jo Sesodia.

10) Old Business

None.

11) Public Comments

Broward County resident Roderick Newkirk shared his experiences with obtaining employment and affordable housing.

Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Coordinating Council of Broward, thanked the Board of County Commissioners for their continued financial support of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The Broward Housing Days Impact Committee, with support from the Broward Workshop Urban Core Committee and United Way Public Policy Committee, is advocating for tax-based financing of affordable housing. The tax-based funding mechanism of 2/10 mil (about \$30M) was not supported by the County Commission last year. However, she requested the BHC reconsider its support of tax-based financing for the current fiscal year. **Motion:** Following discussion, Caryl Hattan moved to direct staff to create a letter from the BHC members, supporting the leverage of 2/10 of a mil in property taxes for gap financing in Broward County. Seconded by Beth Daly. All in favor.

12) Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP) Administrator's Report: Rebecca McGuire

None.

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

Caryl Hattan reported that the Broward County Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, conducted January 29-30, 2020, was very successful. The results should be available in about two weeks.

13) Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM.

14) Next Housing Council Meeting

Friday, April 24, 2020 - 10 AM

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15) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

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