

SUMMARY MINUTES

BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL Friday, May 29, 2020 - 10:00 AM WebEx Meeting No. 619 815 254 / phone 1-415-655-0002

Board Members Present

Marcia-Barry Smith, Chair	Ajibola Balogun	Heather Brinkworth
Beth Daly	Ann Deibert	Commissioner Lamar Fisher
Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair	Christopher Krzemien	Barbara Mendez
Gino Moro	Ralph Stone	Teneshia Taylor
Beverly Williams		

Board Members Absent

Frances Esposito	Hermes Garcia	Lisa Vecchi
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County Staff

Jo Sesodia, Director, PDMD	Sue Fejes, HFCRD	Alicia Lobeiras, CAO
Sue Carrano, PDMD	Chris Flynn, PDMD	Mabel Hurtado, Assistant to Commissioner Fisher

Other Attendees

Craig Vanderlaan, Crisis Housing Solutions	Nancy Robin, Habitat for Humanity of Broward County
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1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting called to order at approximately 10:06 AM by Chair Marcia Barry-Smith. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano who confirmed that a quorum was present.

2) Approval of the February 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

3) Chair's Report

On May 5, 2020, a letter from the BHC was issued to the Board of County Commissioners, expressing the Housing Council's support of leveraging 2/10 mill for the County's Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF). The financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on affordable housing funding, at both the County and State level, are yet to be determined. The BHC annual workshop is traditionally held in the fall; however, it will likely be conducted as a virtual workshop. Chair Barry-Smith requested the membership's assistance with increasing Broward County's Census 2020 participation rates.

4) Director's Report

Jo Sesodia, PDMD, reported that Planning Council hearings have resumed, and the remaining two (2) of four (4) County Land Use Plan Amendments related to affordable housing are scheduled for the June 25, 2020 public hearing: PC (bonus densities) and PC (major corridors). Following the June 25 hearing, all four policy changes – including PC 20-5 and PC 20-6 – should be heard by the Board of County Commissioners in August or early September. Ms. Sesodia thanked the members for their support of Census 2020 and noted that Census materials and resources are available at the County.

5) New Business

The BHC members received a draft of the Broward Housing Council 2019 Annual Report to review in advance of their regular April 25, 2020 meeting, which was canceled in accordance with Executive Order 20-69. Staff noted that, based on updated information, subsequent amendments were made to the draft report; specifically, the Financing section (pages 18-19), with proposed additions shown in underlined text and deletions shown as crossed through text:

Since 2018, the Commission has awarded approximately \$21.3M \$24.8M to ~~six (6)~~ seven (7) projects totaling approximately ~~550-770~~ affordable multifamily units (as shown below). The program is designed to serve the very-low, low and moderate-income families, while creating and sustaining affordable housing throughout Broward County.

FISCAL YEAR	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT AWARDED	# UNITS
2018	Marquis Apartment	New Construction	Pompano Beach	\$5,000,000	100
2019	Solaris Apartments	New Construction	Hallandale Beach	\$1,000,000	70
	<u>8th Avenue Commons</u>	<u>New Construction</u>	<u>Hallandale Beach</u>	<u>\$2,450,000</u>	<u>200</u>
	Regency Garden Apartments	Preservation/ Rehabilitation	Pompano Beach	\$450,000 <u>\$1,500,000</u>	94
2020	Sonata	New Construction (all)	Pompano Beach	\$5,000,000	106
	Pembroke Tower II		Pembroke Pines	\$4,860,000	88
	FAT Live		Ft. Lauderdale	\$5,000,000	94

Source: Broward County Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment Division

Motion: Ajibola Balogun moved to forward the Broward Housing Council 2019 Annual Report, as amended, to the Board of County Commissioners for their acceptance. Caryl Hattan seconded. All in favor.

6) Old Business

None.

7) Public Comments

None.

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

None.

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

Caryl Hattan reported that, in response to the pandemic, the HIP shower trucks are very active, some hotels are providing housing to the homeless, and Ft. Lauderdale encampments are being cleaned. She expressed her concern with potential impacts of COVID-19 on the State's housing and homelessness budgeted funding amounts.

Commissioner Fisher verified acceptance of the Housing Council's letter in support of leveraging 2/10 mill for the County's AHTF; however, it may be challenging to garner support due to the economic impacts of the pandemic.

Ralph Stone, Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment Division, announced that certain HUD funding opportunities resulting from the CARES Act, if approved by the County Commission, will be available towards the end of next week. This includes \$578,000 for senior meals and \$578,000 for rental assistance. All HUD non-entitlement and three entitlement cities – Coconut Creek, Margate and Weston – are eligible. A \$742,000 emergency services grant is also available countywide. The County's Human Services Division will administer these funds through its Family Success and Elderly/Veterans programs.

9) Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM.

**10) Next Housing Council Meeting
Friday, June 26, 2020 - 10 AM**

Location TBD

11) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

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