

SUMMARY MINUTES

BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL
Friday, August 28, 2020 - 10:00 AM
WebEx Meeting No. 161 534 7441 / phone 1-415-655-0002

Board Members Present

Marcia-Barry Smith, Chair	Ajibola Balogun	Beth Daly
Ann Deibert	Frances Esposito	Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair
Christopher Krzemien	Barbara Mendez	Gino Moro
Teneshia Taylor	Lisa Vecchi	Beverly Williams

Board Members Absent

Heather Brinkworth	Hermes Garcia	Comm. Lamar Fisher
Ralph Stone		

County Staff

Jo Sesodia, PDMD	Sue Carrano, PDMD	Alicia Lobeiras, CAO
Mabel Hurtado, Assistant to Commissioner Fisher	Chris Flynn, PDMD	Monique Davis, PDMD

Other Attendees

Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Coordinating Council of Broward	James Carras
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1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting called to order at approximately 10:02 AM by Chair Marcia Barry-Smith. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano who confirmed that a quorum was present.

2) Approval of the June 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Vice-Chair Caryl Hattan moved to approve the minutes as presented. Christopher Krzemien seconded. All in favor.

3) Chair's Report

Chair Barry-Smith recognized the passing of Richard Courtney, president of Task Force to End Homelessness, who worked diligently with the homeless community in Broward County. She noted that the Census deadline, previously extended until the end of October, has been modified to September 30, 2020.

4) Director's Report

Jo Sesodia provided an update on the County Commission's affordable housing land use policies, including the status of Land Use Plan Amendments PCT 20-3 through 20-6. BHC has not issued a position on these amendments; no action was taken by the membership. Those interested in playing a part should reach out to staff.

Broward County has allocated \$25M in federal CARES Act funding for programs assisting County residents with issues such as rental assistance. The funding is administered by the County's Family Success Division and the Housing Finance and Community Development Division.

5) New Business

None.

6) Old Business

None.

7) Public Comments

Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Coordinating Council of Broward, announced that advocates are needed to contact the County Commissioners in support of a budget request to allocate \$10M to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for FY20-21 budget. This is the same amount included in last year's County budget. Following discussion, Caryl Hattan moved to direct staff to issue a letter from the BHC to the County Commission in support of the \$10M affordable housing budget request. Seconded by Christopher Krzemien. All in favor.

James Carras, Carras Community Investment, proposed the development of a Broward County Housing Dashboard to generate real time housing data. The purpose would be to share data and information, show areas of progress in affordable housing and identify areas of improvement. Staff will follow up.

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

None.

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

None.

9) Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

**10) Next Housing Council Meeting: Virtual Affordable Housing Workshop
Friday, October 23, 2020, 9 AM – 12 PM, via WebEx**

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