

SUMMARY MINUTES

BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL
Friday, February 26, 2021 - 10:00 AM
WebEx Meeting No. 185 753 7025/ phone 1-415-655-0002

Board Members Present

Marcia-Barry Smith, Chair	Ajibola Balogun	Beth Daly
Ann Deibert	Frances Esposito	Hermes Garcia
Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair	Commissioner Dale Holness	Ann Murray
Ralph Stone	Teneshia Taylor	Lisa Vecchi
Beverly Williams		

Board Members Absent

Christopher Krzemien	Barbara Mendez	Gino Moro
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County Staff

Jo Sesodia, PDMD	Sue Carrano, PDMD	Alicia Lobeiras, CAO
Darby Delsalle, PDMD	Chris Flynn, PDMD	Willowstine Lawson, PDMD
Suzanne Fejes, HFCRD		

Other Attendees

Justine Morgan, Habitat for Humanity of Broward	Mckeino Desmoulin, Resident
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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. Chair Barry-Smith welcomed new BHC member, Ms. Ann Murray, who was appointed by the School Board to replace a vacancy left by Heather Brinkworth. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano who confirmed that a quorum was present.

2) Approval of the August 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

3) Approval of the October 23, 2020 Workshop Minutes

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

4) Presentation by Lisa Vecchi, MBA, President & CEO, Broward Housing Solutions

BHC member Lisa Vecchi shared her presentation, *Broward Housing Solutions: The Impact of Affordable Housing on Families and Communities*. Chair Barry-Smith noted that Ms. Vecchi is a founding member of the Housing Council.

5) Chair's Report

Chair Barry-Smith reported that about 107 attendees participated in the Broward Housing Council's half day webinar on October 23, 2020. The results of a follow up survey were very positive and supportive of the electronic platform. She gave an overview of housing related legislation being considered during the current session, including a proposed affordable housing surtax, vacation rentals, eviction mediation, and status of the State's affordable housing trust fund. Staff is available to discuss any of the proposed legislative items, and Commissioner Holness noted that the County's lobbyists are addressing all of these issues.

6) Director's Report

Jo Sesodia, Director, PDMD, provided an update on the County Commission's proposed affordable housing land use policies. PCT 20-5, which amended the methodology used to calculate supply and demand of affordable housing stock when reviewing Land Use Plan Amendments, was adopted by the Board on December 1, 2020 and is already in effect. A public hearing is scheduled on March 9, 2021 for adoption of Land Use Plan Amendments PCT 20-3 (Bonus Density) and PCT 20-4 (Residential in Commerce and Activity Centers).

7) New Business

A) Ralph Stone, Director, Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment Division, provided data regarding the number of affordable housing projects receiving gap financing from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund as well as grants and other financing mechanisms.

B) Staff presented the proposed BHC meeting dates for 2021. **Motion:** Vice-Chair Caryl Hattan moved to approve the 2021 BHC meeting dates as proposed. Hermes Garcia seconded. All in favor.

C) Staff presented the proposed 2021 BHC Work Program which has added a new item to explore the feasibility of developing a countywide Housing Dashboard to show affordability indicators. It also includes a repeated funding request for the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment update. **Motion:** Commissioner Dale Holness moved to approve the 2021 BHC Work Program as proposed. Beverly Williams seconded. All in favor.

D) Ralph Stone, Director, Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment Division, reported that the City of Pompano Beach has imposed a four month moratorium on affordable housing applications. **Motion:** Lisa Vecchi moved to issue a letter of concern to the City of Pompano Beach regarding this issue; seconded by Bath Daly. Based on additional discussion, Lisa Vecchi amended the motion to issue a letter of concern *and* to invite the City Manager to attend the April 23 BHC meeting. Seconded by Beth Daly. All in favor.

8) Old Business

None.

9) Public Comments

None.

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

None.

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

Caryl Hattan reported that more CARES Act funding will be available. The County has hired a consultant to implement the 2021 Point-in-Time Count, which will take place at the end of March. Local police departments are also assisting with the count.

11) Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM.

12) Next Housing Council Meeting: Friday, April 23, 2021, 10 AM, via WebEx

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