

SUMMARY MINUTES

BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL
Friday, June 25, 2021 10:00 AM
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Board Members Present

Marcia-Barry Smith, Chair	Ajibola Balogun	Beth Daly
Frances Esposito	Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair	Commissioner Dale Holness
Christopher Krzemien	Barbara Mendez	Gino Moro
Ann Murray	Teneshia Taylor	Lisa Vecchi

Board Members Absent

Ann Deibert	Hermes Garcia	Ralph Stone
Beverly Williams		

County Staff

Jo Sesodia, PDMD	Sue Carrano, PDMD	Alicia Lobeiras, CAO
Darby Delsalle, PDMD	Chris Flynn, PDMD	Willowstine Lawson, PDMD
Suzanne Fejes, HFCRD	Javier Acevedo, PDMD	Dr. Rebecca McGuire, HIP/CoC

Other Attendees

Justine Morgan, Habitat for Humanity of Broward	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 10:05 AM by Chair Marcia Barry-Smith. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano who confirmed that a quorum was present.

2) Presentation by Dr. Rebecca McGuire, Human Services Manager, Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP) Administration and Continuum of Care (CoC).

Dr. McGuire shared her presentation, *2021 Point in Time (PIT) Count and Program Housing Capacities*. The Broward County PIT was conducted March 20-30, 2021 and implemented using Survey123 by ArcGIS in lieu of paper surveys. The County was divided into 10 quadrants allowing for expanded survey outreach. The HIP/CoC have offered assistance to cities experiencing significant increases in their homeless populations. Dr. McGuire reported that Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) has exceeded capacity (120%) and Rapid Rehousing is at about 77% of capacity. She thanked the Board of County Commissioners for their support.

3) Approval of the April 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

4) Chair's Report

Chair Barry-Smith reported that the most recent call to action from the Florida Housing Coalition is supporting a request for an additional \$225M appropriation of nonrecurring funds for Florida's housing programs. The proposed State affordable housing funding for FY 2021-22 is \$209.2M.

The County has received American Rescue Plan (ARP) emergency funding in the amount of \$30M. Commissioner Holness noted that the budget is in process and a specific funding amount for affordable housing has not been finalized; however, all expiring CRAs will also contribute money towards affordable housing. The next County budget hearing is in August.

5) Director's Report

Jo Sesodia, Director, PDMD reported that PDMD staff has been building an affordable housing dashboard in accordance with the BHC's work program. She introduced PDMD staff Chris Flynn and Javier Acevedo who presented the dashboard in progress, which should be complete by the end of the year. Ms. Sesodia announced that the School Board has updated their school impact fee waiver program to increase their annual funding from \$375K to \$450K and expand the fee waiver project eligibility to include moderate income units if part of mixed-income units (School Board Resolution 21-105; effective July 1, 2021). She reported that the Board of County Commissioners approved the funding request proposed agreement with the Metro Center at FIU to update the 2018 Affordable Housing Needs Assessment. The project will commence in January 2022, following the release of latest ACS data in December, with the final report delivered in May 2022.

6) New Business

The BHC bylaws provide for the annual election of the Chair and Vice-Chair which has typically occurred in June. The floor was opened for nominations of these officers.

Motion: Christopher Krzemien moved to nominate Marcia Barry-Smith as Chair for another one year term. Ajibola Balogun seconded. All in favor.

Motion: Marcia Barry-Smith moved to nominate Caryl Hatttan as Vice-Chair for another one year term. Christopher Krzemien seconded. All in favor.

The BHC Affordable Housing 2021 Fall Workshop was discussed including proposed date, format and theme. The proposed theme will focus on affordable housing after COVID.

Motion: Caryl Hatttan moved to approve the workshop date of Thursday, October 21, 2021 and proposed format as a virtual webinar only. Chris Krzemien seconded. All in favor.

The Florida Realtors Association has taken the initiative to mobilize permanent legislation preventing future sweeps from the State's affordable housing trust funds. The proposed ballot initiative amends the State Constitution and reverses law signed by Gov. DeSantis, allowing lawmakers to redirect half of the housing trust fund to address sea level rise and upgrade wastewater infrastructure. An announcement and push for advocacy will be released next week. No action regarding this issue was taken by the BHC who will determine its position once all information is received.

7) Old Business

Susanne Fejes, Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment Division reported that the City of Pompano Beach's affordable housing moratorium expired on May 26, 2021. The proposed Highland Oaks, an affordable rental development impacted by the moratorium, received \$5M in gap financing and will proceed.

8) Public Comments

Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Coordinating Council of Broward thanked the BHC members for their advocacy efforts especially at County level. She also thanked the Florida Realtors Association for initiating the affordable housing ballot proposal. Congratulations to Marcia Barry-Smith and Caryl Hatttan on their re-election.

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

None

10) Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM.

11) Next Housing Council Meeting: Friday, August 27, 2021, 10 AM, via WebEx and/or in person in Room 430, Broward County Government Center East, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, 33301.

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