

SUMMARY MINUTES

BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL **Friday, October 28, 2022 - 10:00 AM** **Broward County Government Center, Rm. 302, Fort Lauderdale, FL**

Board Members Present

Ajibola Balogun	Marcia Barry-Smith, Chair	Beth Daly
Ann Deibert	Frances Esposito	Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair
Christopher Krzemien	Sarah Leonardi	Nathan Perlmutter
Ralph Stone		

Board Members Absent

Teneshia Taylor	Lisa Vecchi	Gino Moro
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County Staff

Jo Sesodia, UPD	Karina Rodrigues, CAO	Sue Carrano, UPD
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Other Attendees

Roderick Newkirk	Marie E. Joseph, HOPE South Florida	Alicia Howard, Turn Two Construction
Michelle McKay		

1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by Chair Marcia Barry-Smith. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano who confirmed that a quorum was present.

Chair Barry-Smith welcomed new BHC member Sarah Leonardi who is representing the School Board of Broward County.

2) Approval of the August 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

3) Chair's Report

Marcia Barry-Smith reported that the BHC 2022 Workshop invitation was distributed and has been well-received. She encouraged BHC members to forward this to their colleagues. The agenda includes a diverse mix of panelists and topics, including representation from the Builder's Association of South Florida and BHC member Nathan Perlmutter. Sue Carrano reported that the invitation will be re-distributed and an opportunity for the panelists to participate in a workshop "dry run" has been scheduled.

4) Director's Report

Jo Sesodia, UPD, announced that a new Program Project Coordinator, Keith Darby, has been hired to join the Housing Council team.

She reported on recent County Commission affordable housing activities:

- The County contracted with FIU to update the Affordable Housing Master Plan which will be managed by the Housing Finance Division. This will be a strategic document targeting a 10 year horizon. Community stakeholders' meetings are being scheduled and the BHC will have the opportunity to engage in the process during their December meeting. The submittal of a draft Master Plan is anticipated in Spring 2023.

- The Board accepted the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment 2022 Update for use with Land Use Plan Amendment reviews. The updated data enables an assessment of affordable housing supply by municipality.
- FY23 budget was approved and included \$18M in gap financing.
- Ordinance 2022-40, adopted by the Board on October 11, 2022, amends Chapter 20 of the Landlord-Tenant regulations by excepting ALFs and military personnel from residential tenancy notification requirements.
- On November 15, 2022, the Board will consider a Resolution regarding expediting all affordable housing projects, requiring all County review agencies to prioritize such projects. This is subject to affordable housing certification from the Housing Finance Division.

Other items of interest to the BHC members:

- Ms. Sesodia demonstrated recent changes to the BHC website including content, design and navigation. The 2022 Affordable Housing Needs Assessment update is featured.
- The Affordable Housing Dashboard was updated with data from the Needs Assessment. New countywide eviction data was added under the INCOME tab which reveals there have been about 1,200 evictions per month since January 2020..
- The BHC 2023 Work Program will be included on the next meeting agenda and members are encouraged to review the 2022 Work Program and provide input towards next year's Program.
- BHC information cards were re-designed and updated with new key findings from the 2022 Needs Assessment. Copies were provided to members who are encouraged to take a supply and distribute.

5) Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP)/Continuum of Care (CofC) Administrator's Report

Vice-Chair Caryl Hattan reported the following:

- Additional cold weather shelters are available that allow people to stay 3-4 days versus overnight only.
- HIP is working with hospitals regarding a coordinated discharge plan – which is also needed for jails and other institutions – to avoid releasing homeless individuals without medical care and other necessary services.
- County signed an agreement with the School Board to submit student referrals in the Homeless Information System database. There are over 4,000 homeless students in Broward County.

6) New Business

None.

7) Old Business

None.

8) Public Comments

Roderick Newkirk, resident, addressed the members about his experience with obtaining affordable housing in Broward County via rapid rehousing and emergency housing vouchers. BHC members will provide additional requested information to Mr. Newkirk.

9) Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM.

10) Broward Housing Council Virtual Workshop: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 9 AM

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