

SUMMARY MINUTES

Board Members Present

Ajibola Balogun	Marcia Barry-Smith, Chair	Michele Collie
Beth Daly	Frances Esposito	Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair
Parnell Joyce	Christopher Krzemien	Gino Moro
Commissioner Hazelle P. Rogers	Teneshia Taylor	Lisa Vecchi

Board Members Absent

Sarah Leonardi	Nathan Perlmutter	Ralph Stone
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County Staff

Jo Sesodia, UPD	Annika Ashton, CAO	Karina Rodrigues, CAO
Dwight Hinkson, Office of Comm. Hazelle P. Rogers	Sue Carrano, UPD	Keith Darby, UPD
Sue Fejes, HFD	Suzanne Weiss, HFD	

Other Attendees

Christina Anthony, Turn Two Construction	Bryan Cunningham, Turn Two Construction	Alicia Howard, Turn Two Construction
Dawn Watts, DW Consultants	Susan Spragg, Resident	Lana K., Financial Services (Kingswood US)

1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by Chair Marcia Barry-Smith. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano who confirmed that a quorum was present. At the suggestion of the County Attorney, Chair Barry-Smith moved the Ethics Training Part II agenda item to follow New Business.

2) Introduction of New BHC Members

Chair Barry-Smith welcomed new BHC members Commissioner Hazelle P. Rogers, representing the Board of County Commissioners; Michele Collie, representing the Banker category; and Parnell Joyce, representing the Broward County Housing Authority. Mr. Joyce replaces Ann Deibert as the CEO of the BCHA.

3) Approval of the December 9, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Christopher Krzemien moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. All in favor.

4) Presentation: Understanding Reverse Mortgages by Gino Moro

BHC Member Gino Moro, representing the Mortgage Brokers Category, discussed Home Equity Loan Mortgage (HECM) or “reverse mortgage” loans which are insured through the federal government. Available through an FHA-approved lender, HECMs allow primary homeowners age 62+ access to a portion of a home’s equity without obtaining a new mortgage or selling the home. Mr. Moro showed a HCEM timeline from 1988 to present. He addressed property rights of heirs and compared HECMs with lines of credit. Based on questions from Housing Finance Division staff, he explained that 10-year amortization schedules may be developed for properties financed by the County to collect on mortgages. Commissioner Rogers voiced her concern about whether HECM properties qualify for available hardening

projects. Mr. Moro stated that such a subordination requirement is a simple process to resolve since HUD protects the homeowner.

5) Discussion of Proposed Charter Amendments

Jo Sesodia, Director, UPD, stated that staff is reviewing existing Charter language regarding BHC membership and will bring alternatives to the membership at their next meeting on April 28, 2023. Option 1 includes line item amendments to the Charter updating membership category language as needed, and Option 2 replaces these line items with the Code of Ordinances, allowing the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to amend through Public Hearing. A staff report will be provided prior to the next meeting at which time the BHC will make a specific recommendation to the BOCC. Regardless of the selected option, it will be an 18 month process.

6) Chair's Report

Chair Barry-Smith attended a recent 1000 Friends of Florida Legislative Webinar and shared slides of proposed attainable housing legislation, including SB 102. She urged the membership to proactively reach out to their elected officials in support of these affordable housing bills.

7) Director's Report

Jo Sesodia, Director, UPD, provided an update on SB 102, a.k.a. Live Local Act, regarding statewide workforce housing. The proposed legislation addresses a variety of topic areas such as further preemption of zoning regulations for mixed-use projects; local and State government requirements for surplus land inventories; ad valorem tax exemptions for affordable units; temporary suspension on doc stamps; preemption of rent controls; and appropriations to FHC. Staff is tracking the bill's changes as it moves rapidly through committees.

A draft of the 2022 BHC Annual Report will be distributed to the membership in advance of next meeting. BHC members should review prior to the meeting as it will be included as an action item on the April 28, 2023 agenda. In the past, the Commissioner appointed to BHC has sponsored this as a consent item on a subsequent BOCC agenda.

8) New Business

Chair Barry-Smith reminded the membership that the next BHC annual workshop will be in November and encouraged them to provide ideas for a theme and/or potential panelists.

9) Advisory Board Ethics Training Part II

Annika Ashton, Deputy County Attorney and Karina Rodrigues, Assistant County Attorney, provided Advisory Board Ethics Training Part II which focused on Conflicting Employment/Contractual Relationships and Voting Conflicts. During the August 26, 2022 BHC meeting, the County Attorney staff presented Part I of Advisory Board Ethics training which covered Gifts and the Sunshine Law.

10) Old Business

Chair Barry-Smith urged members to take a supply of the updated BHC Information Cards and share them with colleagues and interested parties.

11) Public Comments

12) Housing Options, Solutions and Support (HOSS) Division Report

Vice-Chair Caryl Hattan reported that there are 4,101 homeless children in Broward County public schools and 312 families living in their cars. The biggest need is for family and elderly emergency adult beds, including shelter beds and overnight beds. The 2023 Point in Time Count was completed and

numbers show an increase in the number of those experiencing homelessness. Vice-Chair Hattan also reported that the Town of Davie Police Department has created a special homelessness task force which is currently a 90 day pilot program. The Housing Options, Solutions and Support (HOSS) Division, f.k.a. the Homeless Initiative Partnership, has a new comprehensive community response outreach team targeting those subpopulations with the most severe social service needs. There has been an increase in participation from churches located west of University Drive to provide services such as showers and cold weather shelter space. The HOSS Division also has a designated hospital liaison to assist in developing discharge plans.

13) Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 AM.

14) Next Meeting: 10 AM, Friday, April 28, 2023, Room 430, Broward County Government Center East, located at 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

