

SUMMARY MINUTES

BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL
Friday, April 28, 2023 - 10:00 AM
Broward County Government Center East, Rm. 430, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Board Members Present

Ajibola Balogun	Marcia Barry-Smith, Chair	Michele Collie
Beth Daly	Frances Esposito	Parnell Joyce
Christopher Krzemien	Sarah Leonardi	Gino Moro
Nathan Perlmutter		

Board Members Absent

Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair	Commissioner Hazelle P. Rogers	Ralph Stone
Teneshia Taylor	Lisa Vecchi	

County Staff

Jo Sesodia, UPD	Annika Ashton, CAO	Karina Rodrigues, CAO
Sue Fejes, HFD	Sue Carrano, UPD	Keith Darby, UPD

Other Attendees

Edith Bynes, Fort Lauderdale CDC	Nettie Williams, Fort Lauderdale CDC	Craig Vanderlaan, Crisis Housing Solutions
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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.

2) Guest Presentation: Senate Bill 102 / Live Local Act Overview

Mr. Kody Glazer, Legal and Policy Director, Florida Housing Coalition, addressed the BHC virtually about the recently adopted Live Local Act (SB 102). Signed by Governor DeSantis on March 29, 2023, the Live Local Act provides a record \$811M for affordable housing and fully funds Sadowski Trust Fund programs. SB 102 offers multiple incentives for affordable housing development such as property tax and sales tax exemptions and use of public surplus lands. The legislation includes preemptions regarding rent control and land use for certain properties in commercial, industrial and mixed-use zones.

3) Approval of the February 24, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

4) Discussion of Proposed Amendments to Sec. 11.06 of Broward County Charter

Jo Sesodia, Director, UPD, shared the staff report for proposed Charter amendments regarding BHC membership. The staff report offered two options: Option 1 amends each membership line item with updated 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 process future amendments through Public Hearing. Regardless of either option, it will be an 18 month process with a targeted referendum date being the November 2024 General Election

Motion: Following discussion, Christopher Krzemien moved to select a hybrid of both Options which enables changes to the BHC membership by County Ordinance (Option 2) and updates the membership category language as shown in Option 1. Seconded by Ajibola Balogun. All in favor.

5) Discussion of BHC Fall Workshop: Format

Jo Sesodia, Director, UPD, stated that planning has started for the BHC fall workshop. She requested BHC members' preference for a virtual versus in-person workshop format.

Motion: Following discussion, Christopher Krzemien moved to approve an in-person workshop format with the ability for a virtual keynote speaker. Ajibola Balogun seconded. All in favor.

Staff will explore potential workshop venues. BHC members interested in fully or partially sponsoring the workshop breakfast should contact Jo or Sue.

6) Chair's Report

Chair Barry-Smith encouraged attendees to stay informed about housing related legislation; virtual legislative update webinars are offered by 1000 Friends of Florida, Inc.

7) New Business

The 2022 BHC Annual Report was prepared by staff in accordance with Sec. 11.06, Item J of the Broward County Charter. It was distributed to BHC members for review prior to today's meeting.

Motion: Ajibola Balogun moved to forward the 2022 Annual Report, as presented, to the Board of County Commissioners for acceptance. Christopher Krzemien seconded. All in favor.

8) Old Business

None.

9) Public Comments

None.

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

None. The Chair will request a HIP/CofC report from Vice-Chair Caryl Hattan next meeting.

11) Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 AM.

12) Next Meeting: 10 AM, Friday, June 23, 2023, Room 430, Broward County Government Center East, located at 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

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