

SUMMARY MINUTES

BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL Friday, December 8, 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
Frances Esposito	Parnell Joyce	Christopher Krzemien
Nathan Perlmutter	Ashley Roche	Commissioner Hazelle P. Rogers
Ralph Stone	Teneshia Taylor	

Board Members Absent

Beth Daly	Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair	Debra Hixon
Gino Moro	Lisa Vecchi	

County Staff

Jo Sesodia, UPD	Karina Rodrigues, CAO	Annika Ashton, CAO
Sue Carrano, UPD		

Other Attendees

None.

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.

Chair Barry Smith introduced new BHC member, Ashely Roche, who was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to fill the Recipient of Section 8 Housing Assistance or Another Housing Program category.

1) Report on December 5, 2023, County Commission Workshop

Chair Barry-Smith requested that Ralph Stone report on the County Commission's recent workshop regarding the County's Ten Year Affordable Housing Master Plan (Master Plan). The report's findings were presented to the Commission by Dr. Ned Murray, Metro Center at FIU, and Ralph Stone, Housing Finance Division. More than 60 stakeholder meetings showed that housing is the number one priority countywide. The Master Plan's primary strategies are Densification; Funding; and Legislation and Policy. The Mayor's theme, *Leading the Challenge and Sharing the Burden*, holds the municipalities accountable for their share of affordable housing supply and mitigation methods. A proposed dashboard will measure each municipality's performance metrics. The final study will be complete in January 2024, and specific implementation methods will be determined in February-March 2024.

2) Presentation by Frances Esposito, Broward Partnership

Frances Esposito, CEO, Broward Partnership and Broward Housing Council member presented on the works of the Broward Partnership (BP), which is committed to reducing homelessness by promoting independence and self-worth through advocacy, housing and comprehensive services. The BP operates the Central and North Homeless Assistance Centers, and its "Housing First" model provides intensive case management temporary and subsidized rental assistance while promoting budgeting and life management skills. In 2023, Seven on Seventh, a 72-unit affordable rental housing/mixed use development, opened in downtown Ft. Lauderdale located adjacent to the existing CHAC. An

affordable housing initiative of BP and Green Mills Group, it was funded by a \$25M low income tax credit subsidy from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, financial contributions from private donors, and Broward County gap financing.

3) Approval of the October 6, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

4) Approval of the November 1, 2023, Workshop Minutes

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

5) Chair's Report

Chair Barry-Smith stated that the Housing Council will support the County's Ten Year Affordable Housing Master Plan and associated long term horizons.

6) Director's Report

Jo Sesodia, Director, Broward County Urban Planning Division, reported that Governor DeSantis recommended full funding of the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund in FY 2024-25. She also reported that Pasco County filed a lawsuit against the State regarding the Live Local Act (SB 102) and its economic impacts on Commercial and Industrial designated land uses.

7) New Business

A) Approval of BHC 2024 Meeting Dates. **Motion:** Michele Collie moved to approve the proposed 2024 meeting dates as presented. Christopher Krzemien seconded. All in favor.

B) Approval of BHC 2024 Work Program. The proposed 2024 BHC Work Program was presented to the members for discussion. Chair Barry-Smith recommended that an item addressing condominium safety legislation be added to the Work Program under Section 4. Advocate for Legislative Change. The additional language would read similar to "Support the County's advocacy efforts at the State Level regarding condominium building safety legislation and associated assessments to alleviate the cost burden on senior condo residents." **Motion:** Christopher Krzemien moved to approve the 2024 Work Program as amended. Michele Collie seconded. All in favor.

8) Old Business

None.

9) Public Comments

None.

10) Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.

11) Next BHC Meeting: 10 AM, Friday, February 23, 2024, Room 430, Broward County Government Center East (GCE), 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale

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