

**SUMMARY MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
JANUARY 23, 2025**

Members Thomas H. DiGiorgio, Jr., Chair
Present: City of Pembroke Pines Mayor Angelo Castillo, Vice Chair
City of Tamarac Mayor Michelle J. Gomez, Secretary
Ms. Jessica Abramson
City of West Park Mayor Felicia Brunson
Broward County Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher
Mr. Adam M. Geller
Ms. Ryann Greenberg
City of Pompano Beach Mayor Rex Hardin
City of Plantation Councilmember Denise Appleby Horland
City of Hollywood Mayor Josh Levy
City of Oakland Park Commissioner Letitia Newbold
City of Coconut Creek Vice Mayor Jackie Railey
Mr. David Rosenof (via CMT)
City of Sunrise Mayor Michael J. Ryan (via CMT)
School Board Member Dr. Allen Zeman

Members Ms. Denise B. Fernandez
Absent:

Also Barbara Blake Boy, Executive Director
Present: Andy Maurodis, Legal Counsel
Karen Pannell, Real Time Reporter

A meeting of the Broward County Planning Council was held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 10:03 a.m., in Room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The meeting quorum and format were consistent with Section 1-233 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances regarding advisory boards utilizing communications media technology in the form of telephonic conferencing.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair DiGiorgio called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Following the Roll Call by the Real time Reporter, Chair DiGiorgio declared that a quorum was present.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Adam Geller was installed as the newest member to the Planning Council. He thanked the Planning Council members for the opportunity and looks forward to serving this Council.

On behalf of Roy Rogers, Chair DiGiorgio recognized Executive Director, Barbara Blake Boy, and presented her with the Command Coin from the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln. He complimented Ms. Boy and the Planning Council staff on the work they do.

REAPPOINTMENTS

Chair DiGiorgio acknowledged and congratulated the Council's reappointed members, Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher who was reappointed by the Broward County Commission and School Board Member Dr. Allen Zeman who was reappointed by the School Board of Broward County.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mayor Levy made a motion to maintain the current officers: Thomas H. DiGiorgio, Jr. as Chair, Mayor Angelo Castillo as Vice Chair, and Mayor Michelle J. Gomez as Secretary. Mayor Hardin seconded the motion. With no objection, the motion passed unanimously.

NOMINATIONS BY PLANNING COUNCIL TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair DiGiorgio spoke on the importance of this role, which in addition to the Executive Committee, the members will be the Steering Committee for BrowardNext. Ms. Boy named the existing and at-large members: Mr. DiGiorgio, Jr., Chair, Mayor Castillo, Vice Chair, Mayor Gomez, Secretary, Mayor Brunson, Ms. Fernandez, Councilmember Horland, Mayor Levy, and School Board Member Zeman.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to maintain the current committee members. Mayor Gomez seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C 1 APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA FOR JANUARY 23, 2025**
- C 2 JANUARY 2025 PLAT REVIEWS FOR TRAFFICWAYS PLAN COMPLIANCE**
- C 3 APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2024**

C 4 ATTENDANCE RECORD/EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUESTS

Ms. Boy indicated that Ms. Fernandez had an ill child and asked if the Planning Council would excuse the absence. The Council agreed.

Vice Mayor Castillo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Gomez seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

R 1 Discussion Item: BrowardNext – County Commission Request Regarding Redevelopment Units – Broward County Land Use Plan Policy 2.35.1 and Corresponding Administrative Rules Document: BrowardNext, Article 3

Ms. Boy provided an overview of R1 noting it would initiate an amendment to the Administrative Rules Document related to redevelopment units and affordable housing. She defined and spoke on the importance of redevelopment units and affordable housing.

Ms. Boy explained that a City had submitted an application requesting 750 units with 10% designated as low or very-low affordable housing, consistent with the application requirements. The Planning Council had recommended approval and when item was before the Broward County Commissioners, Commissioner Rich requested that Commissioner Fisher ask the Planning Council to consider a greater affordable housing requirement. Ms. Boy discussed the process of amending the Administrative Rules Document.

Commissioner Fisher showed support of this item. Ms. Boy stated that if initiated, the amendment would be brought forward to the Planning Council in March and to the Broward County Commission in May.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to approve initiation of an amendment to the Administrative Rules Document. School Board Member Zeman seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.

R 2 COUNSEL’S REPORT

Mr. Maurodis stated that he will provide legislative summaries of items that pertain to land use and zoning at future Planning Council meetings.

R 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Boy:

- Welcomed new member, Mr. Geller to the Planning Council.
- Congratulated the re-elected officers and thanked the members of the Committee.

- Thanked Mr. DiGiorgio for the presentation of the Navy Command Coin on behalf of Mr. Roy Rogers.
- **Broward Next Update-** Ms. Boy stated that the Steering Committee met on October 31, 2024, to discuss directive to staff regarding affordable housing and resiliency planning. She noted that the Planning Council staff has met with Dr. Jurado and Dr. Mount from Broward County's Resilient Environment Department to discuss strategies and updating policy issues related to resiliency planning and affordable housing. Ms. Boy stated that on December 17, 2024, Transportation presentations took place. She noted that all presentation materials are posted on the Broward website.
- **Upcoming Planning Council Meeting Schedule-** Ms. Boy noted that the February 27th Steering Committee and Planning Council meetings may be rescheduled to March.
- Ms. Boy stated that the Broward County Commission scheduled the public hearing for consideration of adoption on January 28. The Planning Council members had a brief discussion on the waste management issue at Monarch Hill, which included plans to expand the horizontal and vertical footprint of the landfill. Mayor Ryan stated that the Solid Waste Authority Executive Committee would be requesting the deferral of the item(s) until the master plan is completed. Commissioner Fisher discussed the need for a timeline due to potential legal issues.

R 4 CORRESPONDENCE

(None.)

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Ms. Boy stated that there were no members of the public signed up to speak on items PH 1 through PH 3 other than applicants, agents, and local governments. Ms. Boy provided a brief overview of the item, noting that staff recommended approval.

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING

PH 1 RECERTIFICATION PCR 25-3

Public Hearing on Recertification of the City of Tamarac Future Land Use Element – Map Amendment

END OF QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING

PH 2 RECERTIFICATION PCR 25-2

Public Hearing on Recertification of the City of Margate Future Land Use Element -Text Amendment

PH 3

A. AMENDMENT PC 24-6

Second Public Hearing on Amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan – City of Fort Lauderdale

B. AMENDMENT PCT 24-3

Second Public Hearing on Amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan Text – City of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Castillo made a motion to approve PH 1 through PH 3 per Planning Council staff recommendations. Mayor Hardin seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

PLANNING COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Gomez announced that the Forever Friends Pet Expo would be held on February 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m-1 p.m. at Tamarac Park. She invited everyone to attend, adopt a pet, and learn how to help animals.

School Board Member Zeman spoke on the educational mitigation agreements with nine municipalities. He explained that the School Board is working with the municipalities to find a revenue neutral solution.

School Board Member Zeman answered questions regarding the closing of a K-8 school in Lauderdale Lakes. He noted that the facility will become an early learning center. He spoke on the decline of student numbers in Broward County over the last several years and the changes that this decline could bring in the future. School Board Member Zeman announced that Fort Lauderdale High School is the 24th best school in the United States out of 25,000 schools.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

The next Planning Council meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection Chair DiGiorgio adjourned this day's meeting at 10:51 a.m.