

**SUMMARY MINUTES
BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL
AUGUST 24, 2023**

Members Thomas H. DiGiorgio, Jr., Chair
Present: City of Pembroke Pines Commissioner Angelo Castillo, Vice Chair
City of Tamarac Mayor Michelle J. Gomez, Secretary
City of West Park Mayor Felicia Brunson (via CMT)
Ms. Ryann Greenberg (via CMT)
City of Pompano Beach Mayor Rex Hardin
Mr. Easton K. Harrison (via CMT)
City of Plantation Councilmember Denise Appleby Horland (10:06 a.m. arrival)
City of Hollywood Mayor Josh Levy
City of Coconut Creek Commissioner Jackie Railey (via CMT)
Mr. David Rosenof
Broward County Vice Mayor Nan H. Rich
City of Sunrise Mayor Michael J. Ryan (via CMT)
School Board Member Dr. Allen Zeman

Members Mr. Brion Blackwelder
Absent: Ms. Denise B. Fernandez

Also Barbara Blake Boy, Executive Director
Present: Andy Maurodis, Legal Counsel
Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Chief Resilience Officer, Broward County
Karen Pannell, Real Time Reporter

A meeting of the Broward County Planning Council was held on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 10:01 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

Secretary Gomez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

CONSENT AGENDA

C 1 APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA FOR AUGUST 24, 2023

C 2 AUGUST 2023 PLAT REVIEWS FOR TRAFFICWAYS PLAN COMPLIANCE

C 3 APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2023, JUNE 22, 2023, AND JULY 27, 2023, WORKSHOP

C 4 ATTENDANCE RECORD/EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUESTS

Ms. Boy stated that Ms. Fernandez had requested an excused absence. She asked the Council if they would like to include Mr. Blackwelder in the excused absence record.

Vice Chair Castillo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Secretary Gomez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

R 1 COUNSEL'S REPORT

(None)

R 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Boy:

- Stated that the Combined November/December meeting will be held on November 30, 2023. With no objection from the Council, the meeting date was set.
- Provided the Planning Council 2023 Customer Service Summary Results. She noted that these results reflect the great job the Planning Council staff performs. The Council acknowledged the staff with a round of applause.
- Explained that there are no Public Hearing items set for the September 28, 2023, meeting. With no objection from the Council, the September 28, 2023, meeting was cancelled.
- Stated that Mr. Maurodis is working on an update of the Sunshine Law and an Ethics piece. She noted that an updated file will be sent to each member in September.

R 3 CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Boy stated that a document from the Broward County Public Schools Facility Planning and Real Estate Department staff was forwarded to the Planning Council members in response to questions they had submitted on June 5, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Ms. Boy stated that there were no members of the public signed up to speak on items PH 1 through PH 5. She noted that municipal representatives and agents were present to answer questions.

Ms. Boy provided a brief overview of items PH 1 through PH 4, noting that staff recommended approval of each of the items.

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING

Ms. Boy stated that the Quasi-Judicial proceedings on the recertifications for items PH 1 and PH 2 were waived by the Town of Pembroke Park.

PH 1 RECERTIFICATION PCR 23-7

Public Hearing on Recertification of the Town of Pembroke Park Future Land Use Element – Map Amendment

PH 2 RECERTIFICATION PCR 23-8

Public Hearing on Recertification of the Town of Pembroke Park Future Land Use Element – Map Amendment

PH 3 RECERTIFICATION PCR 23-9

Public Hearing on Recertification of the City of Fort Lauderdale Future Land Use Element – Text Amendment

PH 4 AMENDMENT PC 23-4

Public Hearing on Small Scale Amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan – Broward Municipal Services District

Mayor Hardin made a motion to approve PH 1 through PH 4 of the Public Hearing Agenda per Planning Council staff recommendation. Vice Mayor Rich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PH 5 AMENDMENT PCT 23-3

Public Hearing on Text Amendment to the Broward County Land Use Plan to add Policy 2.16.5 within the Policies Section.

Ms. Boy indicated this item is a text amendment that was deferred from the June 22, 2023, Planning Council meeting. She explained the proposed amendment to add an incentive-based policy for parcels designated communities in the Broward County Land Use Plan Map that meet specific criteria.

Ms. Boy stated that comments and questions were submitted by the Municipal Service District, City of Fort Lauderdale, and the City of Hollywood. She noted that these items are addressed in attachment 6 of the agenda material. Ms. Boy reminded the Council that the School Board staff submitted comments before the June 22, 2023, meeting noting that the staff report has been updated.

Planning Council staff recommended approval of this proposed amendment.

Referencing several maps, Ms. Boy further discussed the Land Use Plan Amendment. She indicated that the maps could be emailed to the Council but were not included in the agenda material.

Ms. Boy introduced Dr. Jurado, Chief Resilience Officer. Chair DiGiorgio, on behalf of the Planning Council, recognized Dr. Jurado and the work she has put into the resiliency of Broward County and thanked her for her presentation at the July Planning Council workshop.

Dr. Jurado discussed the potential inclusion of the area between US 1 and the Intracoastal Waterway for affordable housing. She discussed the significant flood risk and heightened surge scenario that could limit community use in this area.

Mayor Levy reiterated that this would affect a limited number of properties East of US 1. He discussed the intent of the policy, which is to encourage the potential use of community property to include affordable housing. He spoke on the opportunities available for repurposing community properties. Discussion ensued regarding incentives and affordable housing.

Mayor Hardin made a motion to approve the Amendment “as is” with delineation at Federal Highway per Planning Council staff recommendation. Vice Mayor Rich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Zeman spoke on the responses given by the Broward County School District staff and mentioned earlier in the meeting. He shared that the Broward County School District did vote to repurpose five schools and consider new uses. He stated that there are currently more schools than the students need. Dr. Zeman spoke on potential transit options. He stated his willingness to work with this Board and municipalities who are interested in reimagining these areas. He indicated that specific schools have not been identified at this time.

Vice Mayor Rich mentioned the Live Local Act was passed. She stated that there is a taskforce that will be looking for remedies and will prepare to make recommendations to the Legislature on changes to this Act.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

The next Planning Council meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection the Chair adjourned this day’s meeting at 10:33 a.m.