



## **BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Broward Housing Council was held on Friday, June 26, 2015, commencing at 10:03 a.m. in the African American Research Library & Cultural Center (AARLCC), Seminar Room 2, located at 2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.

### **Council Members Present:**

Randall Vitale, Chair  
Council Member Caryl Hattan, Vice Chair  
Robert Baldwin  
Richard Barkett  
Ann Deibert  
Frances Esposito

Gino Moro  
Mercedes Nunez  
John Peters  
Frank Schnidman  
Ralph Stone  
Lisa Vecchi

### **Council Members Absent:**

Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness  
Richard Lemack  
Monica Navarro

### **Staff:**

Henry Sniezek, Planning & Redevelopment (PRD)  
Angela Chin, PRD  
Albert Cummings, PRD  
Mark Journey, Office of the County Attorney  
Vena Paylo, PRD  
Michael Wright, Homeless Initiative Partnership  
Administration

### **Guests:**

Jordan Boudlal, American Lung Association  
Matthew Competiello, American Lung Association  
Kerri Holden – Florida Department Of Health

## **I. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 24, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Mr. Robert Baldwin and seconded by Ms. Ann Deibert to approve the Minutes of the Broward Housing Council Meeting of April 24, 2015. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

## **II. CHAIR'S REPORT**

During the Chair's report, Chair Randall Vitale requested each member and staff briefly describe their area of business/expertise, community related involvement and what they would like to see the Council focus on for the next twelve months as a committee. Recommendations are as follows:

- More support for affordable housing units for extremely low income residents and work force housing.
- Factors and implications of rising property values impacting affordable housing.
- Advocacy and Education.
- Federal funding for housing subsidies.
- Deficiency of low and very low multifamily housing units.

### **III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Henry Sniezek spoke briefly about the Linkage Fee Workshop for non-residential development which was held on May 13, 2015. He stated that there were questions about how the linkage fee would be implemented and concerns from the municipalities regarding the impact of this new proposed fee. He mentioned staff will be presenting this proposal in a workshop to the County Commission in the coming months.

In addition, during the Director's report, Mr. Sniezek asked Ms. Vena Paylo, Website Specialist, to speak about the flyer she passed around which contained her contact information. Ms. Paylo encouraged Council members to email her information pertaining to press releases, funding opportunities and affordable housing information to add to the Broward Housing Council's website, quarterly newsletter, and social media.

Following Ms. Paylo discussion, Mr. Sniezek asked Mr. Mark Journey, Assistant County Attorney, to give an update on the outcome of the U.S. Supreme Court Case Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. The Inclusive Communities Project, Inc. Mr. Journey stated that the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, held that disparate-income claims are cognizable under the Fair Housing Act meaning that statistics and other evidence can be used to show decisions and practices have discriminatory effects without proving that they are the result of discriminatory intentions. In addition, Mr. Journey spoke briefly about another Court Case, California Building Industry Association v. City of San Jose. He stated that this case is based on an inclusionary zoning ordinance which would have impacted more than 170 municipalities that have some kind of ordinance which requires that 15 percent of new residential developments be sold at below-market prices. He concluded by stating that the California Supreme Court ruling was to uphold the ordinance.

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Chair introduced Mr. Matthew Competiello, Manager of Health Promotions for the American Lung Association in Florida South Area to discuss smoke-free multifamily communities and Ms. Kerri Holden, Senior Health Educator with the Florida Department of Health in Broward County. Both spoke about the home as a major source of secondhand smoke exposure for both adults and children. They indicated that people spend a lot of time at home and therefore smoke-free policies in multifamily housing can reduce exposure to secondhand smoke. It was mentioned that secondhand smoke can be a major concern given that it can migrate from other units and common areas and travel through doorways, cracks in walls, electrical lines, plumbing, and ventilation systems. There was a brief discussion amongst Council members and the speakers about the force or implementation of policies on smoke-free units and the legality of these policies. The PowerPoint presentation was provided as a hand-out.

### **V. HOMELESS INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP (HIP) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) BOARD REPORT**

Vice Chair Hattan spoke briefly regarding a meeting that she attended and a presentation made on amending the County's Human Rights Act (HRA) to add "housing status" as a disability. She indicated that she may have an update on the status of the amendment to present at the August Housing Council meeting based on recommendations and feedback received by the Human Rights Advisory Board.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. 2015 Work Program**

Mr. Sniezek mentioned that the only updates to the Work Program is staff completed the activities for Item VI. B through D for the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Areas of Emphasis. He also stated that the stakeholder's workshop was held for the potential Housing Linkage Fee Program on May 13. Mr. Sniezek then stated that the Housing Council's Annual Report which is included in the meeting packet will be discussed by Ms. Angela Chin.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. FY 2013-2014 Broward Housing Council's Annual Report to be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for acceptance.**

Ms. Angela Chin spoke briefly regarding the proposed 2013-2014 Housing Council's Annual Report and requested a motion authorizing staff to submit to the Board of County Commissioners for acceptance at the August 2015 Commission meeting. Ms. Chin was commended for her diligent work in gathering and presenting the information in a clear and detailed format.

***MOTION:*** *It was moved by Vice Chair Caryl Hattan and seconded by Ms. Lisa Vecchi to authorize staff to submit FY 2013-2014 Broward Housing Council's Annual Report for acceptance by the Board of County Commissioners at their August 11, 2015, Commission meeting. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, even though Ms. Monica Navarro was not in attendance, Chair Vitale recognized and thank her for providing outstanding leadership as former

Chair for the past two years and noted that she now serves in addition to the Housing Council on the Broward County Charter Review Board.

## **VIII. NEXT HOUSING COUNCIL MEETING**

Friday, August 28, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
AARLCC – Seminar Room 2

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to discuss before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

**Disclosure:** The above captioned Minutes are transcribed in a summary format. To hear the full meeting, a compact disk of the meeting (#DR 15-SC-066) can be provided after 24 hour notice to the Document Control and Minutes Section at 954-357-6634.