

SUMMARY MINUTES

BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL
December 14, 2018 - 10:00 AM
African American Research Library and Cultural Center, Seminar Room 2
2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Board Members Present

Marcia-Barry Smith, Chair	Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair	Ajibola Balogun
Heather Brinkworth	Ann Deibert	Frances Esposito
Comm. Dale V.C. Holness	Chris Krzemien	Barbara Mendez
Gino Moro	Ralph Stone	Teneshia Taylor
Lisa Vecchi		

Board Members Absent

Howard Elfman	Drew Saito	Beverly Williams
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County Staff

Jo Sesodia, Director	Sue Carrano, Coordinator	Tonya Fletcher, PDMD
Mark Journey, CAO		

Attendees who signed in

Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Coordinating Council of Broward, Inc.

1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting called to order at approximately 10:05 AM by Chair Marcia Barry-Smith. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded per the published agenda.

2) Approval of the August 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Lisa Vecchi moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness seconded. All in favor.

3) Approval of the October 27, 2018 Workshop Minutes

Motion: Vice-Chair Caryl Hattan moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dale V.C. Holness seconded. All in favor.

4) Announcement of New Appointment to the Broward Housing Council: Ms. Teneshia Taylor, Representing Owner of a Business with Less than 50 Employees.

Chair Barry-Smith welcomed new BHC member, Teneshia Taylor, who was recently appointed by Commissioner Holness. Ms. Taylor owns TAJ Realty in Davie, offering professional assistance in real estate, property management and advisory services.

5) Chair's Report

Chair Barry-Smith reported that she has received positive feedback regarding the BHC affordable housing workshop on October 26, which was attended by about 75 people. Thank you to Vice-Mayor Holness for issuing the call to action.

A workshop report was generated by the Broward County workshop facilitator and the Executive Summary is available online. Some of the ideas generated by workshop participants are included in the proposed 2019 BHC Work Program [discussed under Item 7)B) below]. Chair Barry-Smith recognized Tonya Fletcher, workshop facilitator, and thanked County staff for their efforts.

6) Director's Report: Jo Sesodia

Jo Sesodia reported that Broward County has engaged the Florida International University Metropolitan Center (FIU-MC) to update the 2014 Affordable Housing Needs Assessment. This update is being completed concurrent with the County's Linkage Fee Study. The consultant will present the updated report findings to the BHC members during their February meeting.

The 2019 legislative session formally begins on March 5 and County staff is tracking certain proposed legislation, including SB 70 which prevents future sweeps of the State's affordable housing trust funds. On December 4, the Board of County Commissioners(BOCC) issued their support of SB 70.

7) New Business

A) Proposed 2019 meeting Dates for Broward Housing Council

A proposed 2019 meeting schedule was presented to the BHC members for approval. Vice-Chair Hattan suggested moving the February 22 meeting to February 15 to enable BHC members to attend the Community Care Plan 9th Annual Broward Non-Profit Awards, hosted by Broward 2-1-1. BHC Chair Barry-Smith has been nominated for the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award. A motion to approve the meeting schedule with the modified February date was made by Vice-Chair Hattan. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Holness. All in favor.

B) Proposed 2019 Broward Housing Council Work Program

Staff presented the proposed 2019 Work Program for approval. It is similar to last year's program except for additional items resulting from the Affordable Housing Workshop. This includes new items in the area of Support Countywide Financing to leverage private sector investments and future expired CRA funds for the County's new Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Following discussion, language modifications were made to 1) Eliminate the word "redesign" regarding the BHC website, and 2) Specify that one-half of future re-captured CRA funds be allocated towards affordable housing through the Broward Redevelopment Program. A motion to approve the 2019 Work Program, as amended, was made by Ajibola Balogun. Seconded by Frances Esposito. All in favor.

8) Old Business

The Housing Policies Tracking spreadsheet has been updated and provided to BHC members for review and discussion. Thank you to Ralph Stone and Sandra Veszi Einhorn for their outreach efforts regarding the Affordable Housing Trust Fund ballot item.

9) Public Comments

Sandra Veszi Einhorn, Coordinating Council of Broward, reported on various affordable housing initiatives and legislative issues, including the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund. She thanked the BOCC for the 2nd allocation of \$5 million for affordable housing projects.

10) Homeless Initiative Partnership (HIP) Administrator's Report: Rebecca McGuire

None.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Report: Vice-Chair Caryl Hattan

Vice-Chair Hattan reported that the homeless encampment in downtown Fort Lauderdale was removed in late November, and about 80 people were assisted with temporary or permanent housing through the Home for the Holidays initiative. Volunteers are needed for the annual Broward County Point-in-Time Count on January 23. A memorial service for 68 homeless people who died in 2018 was held by Vision of Hope.

11) Next Housing Council Meeting

Friday, February 15, 2019, 10:00AM

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12) Adjournment

Motion: Vice-Mayor Holness motioned for adjournment. Chris Krzemien seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Purpose: *To serve in an advisory capacity to the County Commission and to facilitate coordination between the County, municipalities, the business community and not-for-profit groups to address housing issues including, but not limited to, affordable housing, workforce housing and homelessness. The Council shall submit an annual report to the County Commission and other organizations represented by the Council.*

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