

SUMMARY MINUTES

BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL
June 28, 2019- 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	Howard Elfman	Frances Esposito
Hermes Garcia	Vice-Mayor Dale Holness	Christopher Krzemien
Barbara Mendez	Gino Moro	Ralph Stone
Teneshia Taylor	Lisa Vecchi	

Board Members Absent

Ajibola Balogun	Heather Brinkworth	Ann Deibert
Caryl Hattan, Vice-Chair	Beverly Williams	

County Staff

Jo Sesodia, Director	Sue Carrano, Coordinator	Mark Journey, CAO
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Attendees who signed in

Sarah Leonardi, Teacher, Broward County Schools	Roderick Newkirk, Community Member	Sandra Veszi- Einhorn, Coordinating Council of Broward	Lynne Wines, United Way of Broward County/Business Council on Homelessness
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1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting called to order at approximately 10:07 AM by Chair Marcia Barry-Smith. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano and a quorum was present.

2) Approval of the April 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Frances Esposito moved to approve the minutes as presented. Howard Elfman seconded. All in favor.

3) Director's Report: Jo Sesodia

The Broward Housing Council Information Cards have been printed as directed by BHC at their June 26 meeting. One side of the card includes the BHC mission and website; the flip side has major findings from the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment update.

Florida HB 7103 includes restrictions on inclusionary zoning and local government compensation requirements and prevents the adoption of linkage fees. The bill was passed to the Governor earlier this week who has 13 more days to either sign or veto. The County Commission has forwarded a Resolution to the Governor opposing HB 7103.

4) Chair's Report

Chair Barry-Smith announced that the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment update was unanimously accepted by the Board of County Commissioners on May 7, 2019 (ITEM #78). Thanks to BHC members for their advocacy efforts regarding the Sadowski Housing Trust Funds; however, \$125 million was swept from the funds this year. Broward County received \$2 million but was entitled to \$25 million. Members should start thinking about how to approach this issue for next legislative session. Barry-Smith represented the BHC while serving on a State of Affordable Housing panel at the League of Women Voters on June 22 and is attending an event for the Black Broward 2.0 Plan. She stated that the BHC's biggest issue in upcoming year is educating the public.

5) New Business

The Broward Housing Council 2017-18 Annual Report has been prepared by staff and submitted
Motion: Christopher Krzemien moved to forward the Annual Report to the Board of County Commissioners for their acceptance. Vice-Mayor Holness seconded. All in favor.

Nominations were accepted for the offices of BHC Chair and Vice Chair. Marcia Barry-Smith stated that both she and Caryl Hattan are willing to serve another one-year term as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

Motion: Frances Esposito moved to elect Marcia Barry-Smith as Chair and Caryl Hattan as Vice-Chair for another term. Vice-Mayor Holness seconded. All in favor.

The issue of tax based funding – specifically, 2/10 mill of current property tax rate – for affordable housing in Broward County was discussed at a recent County Commission Budget Workshop. Ralph Stone stated that this amount equates to about \$30 million. The Fort Lauderdale Beach and Pompano Beach CRAs will be expiring in 2020; as a result, \$5 million will be returned to the County, of which \$2.5 million will be used for affordable housing. Vice-Mayor Holness stated that the County will consider a holistic approach to funding affordable housing, including solutions such as bonus densities, linkage fees, and inclusionary zoning.

6) Old Business

None.

7) Public Comments

Roger Newkirk, community member, stated he has found affordable housing placement through Hope South FL.

Lynn Wines announced that the Business Council on Homelessness, formed less than a year ago, is a housing pillar of the United Way of Broward. The local business community is utilizing its influence, strategies and financial resources to address homelessness. It was part of the team that cleared a downtown homeless encampment in November 2018. To date, the organization has assisted about 120 people with housing and other services, and works closely with Community Court to provide housing.

Sandra Veszi-Einhorn encouraged the BHC to take a strong advocacy stand regarding tax based financing of affordable housing. She noted that a series by the Miami Herald, *Priced out of Paradise*, discusses the affordable housing crisis and its impacts.

Vice-Mayor Holness noted that, in addition to Broward County, Hillsboro County is only other Florida county using general fund money, in addition to CRA dollars, to fund affordable housing.

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

None.

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

None.

9) Other Announcements

Ralph Stone thanked the County Commission for funding the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment update and thanked the BHC for supporting this very useful project.

Frances Esposito reported that the new North Facility opened on April 1 and most of 268 beds are available. The Center should become a community resource, and she thanked the County Commission and City for their support.

10) Next Housing Council Meeting

Friday, June 28, 2019, 10:00AM

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11) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 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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