

SUMMARY MINUTES

BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL
Friday, June 28, 2024 - 10:00 AM
Broward County Government Center East, Rm. 430, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Board Members Present

Ajibola Balogun	Michele Collie	Beth Daly
Luke Harrigan	Debra Hixon	Parnell Joyce
Christopher Krzemien, Vice-Chair	Nathan Perlmutter	Ashley Roche
Commissioner Hazelle P. Rogers	Teneshia Taylor	

Board Members Absent

Marcia Barry-Smith, Chair	Gino Moro	Ralph Stone
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County Staff

Jo Sesodia, UPD	Annika Ashton, CAO	Keith Darby, UPD
Sue Carrano, UPD	Karina Rodrigues, CAO	

Other Attendees

Nathalene Carter, City of Coral Springs	David Watkins, Broward County Human Services
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1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Vice-Chair Christopher Krzemien. Roll call was taken by Sue Carrano who confirmed that a quorum was present.

2) Approval of the April 26, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Beth Daly moved to approve the minutes as presented. Parnell Joyce seconded. All in favor.

3) Introduction of New BHC Member

Vice-Chair Krzemien welcomed new BHC member Luke Harrigan, who was recently appointed by Commissioner McKinzie to fill the Community Representative (Non-Voting) Category.

3) Chair's Report

Vice-Chair Krzemien noted that Chair Barry-Smith was unable to attend today's meeting and did not provide a report.

4) Director's Report

Jo Sesodia, Director, UPD reported that, in accordance with SB 102 (Live Local Act), the County Commission recently adopted a list of publicly owned property suitable for affordable housing development and is available online.

5) New Business

A) BHC 2023 Annual Report

In accordance with Sec. 11.06, Item J of the Broward County Charter, the Broward Housing Council must submit an annual report to the County Commission and other organizations represented by the board for acceptance. The draft report was distributed to BHC members for their review, prior to today's meeting.

Approved:

Motion: Ajibola Balogun moved to forward the BHC 2023 Annual Report as presented to the Board of County Commissioners for acceptance. Beth Daly seconded. All in favor. Mr. Balogun and Vice-Chair Krzemien commended staff on the quality of this year's report.

B) BHC Fall Workshop

Vice-Chair Krzemien requested input from BHC members regarding the annual fall workshop, including the date, theme and possible speakers. Following discussion, the workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 30 at Anne Kolb Nature Center. This year's theme will focus on Condo Reform and associated impacts of legislation on condo ownership. Staff will follow up with recommended panelists, including Senator Pizzo as the Keynote Speaker.

6) Old Business

Jo Sesodia referred to a handout, "Overview of Broward County Condominiums," prepared last year for discussion by the Board of County Commissioners. The data shows the majority of condos are rental units or second homes, especially in eastern/coastal areas of county. About 15,000 condos are owned by low-income seniors with an income level of about \$35,000. Many condos were built prior to 1977 and require primary inspections. Ms. Sesodia referenced the Miami-Dade Condo Special Assessment Program which offers financial assistance to condo owners to offset increased assessments.

7) Advisory Board Ethics Training Part 2 of 2

Karina Rodrigues, Assistant County Attorney, presented requirements regarding ethics, voting conflicts and conflicting employments/contractual relationships for advisory board members.

Status of Proposed Charter Amendment

Annika Ashton, Deputy County Attorney, discussed communications regarding ballot proposals. On May 21, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution providing for a referendum election on November 5 to determine whether to amend the Charter removing BHC membership categories and enabling future amendments by County ordinance. The BHC may not issue any political ads or other communication advocating for this item. All information must be provided in an accurate, fair and impartial manner. Michele Collie directed staff to draft language for a handout to be used at the fall workshop and requested that the proposed language be provided to BHC during its August 23 meeting.

8) Public Comments

None.

9) Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.

10) Next BHC Meeting: 10 AM, Friday, August 23, 2024, Room 430, Broward County Government Center East (GCE), 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale

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