

SUMMARY MINUTES - draft

**BROWARD HOUSING COUNCIL**  
Friday, April 26, 2024 - 10:00 AM  
Broward County Government Center East, Rm. 430, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Board Members Present**

Marcia Barry-Smith, Chair	Michele Collie	Beth Daly
Debra Hixon	Parnell Joyce	Christopher Krzemien
Commissioner Hazelle P. Rogers	Ralph Stone	Teneshia Taylor

**Board Members Absent**

Ajibola Balogun	Gino Moro	Nathan Perlmutter
Ashley Roche	Lisa Vecchi	

**County Staff**

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

**Other Attendees**

Caryl Hattan, Town of Davie	Andrea Knowles Hill, IABS	Teresa Ingram, Resident
Kilishi St. Preux, IABS	Susan Spragg, Racial Equity Task Force	Caroline Cozzi, Habitat for Humanity of Broward

**1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

**2) Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation**

Chair Marcia Barry-Smith, on behalf of the BHC, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing BHC member and Vice-Chair Caryl Hattan. Councilmember Hattan (Town of Davie) served on the BHC for 11 years, the majority in the role of Vice-Chair.

**3) Broward County Housing Options, Solutions and Support Division (HOSS-D) Report**

Patrice Paldino, HOSS-D Director, provided an overview of HOSS, a new collaboration of County programs servicing the homeless. HIP staff works with about 47 contracts offering housing case management, domestic violence, outreach, legal assistance, medical respite and mobile showers. Initial contact with the Coordinated Entry & Assessment Team is required to enter the system. In lieu of a 2024 PIT Count, a Voices from the Street Survey was conducted in Fort Lauderdale from January 24-27, 2024; over 820 surveys were completed.

**4) Advisory Board Ethics Training Part 1**

Annika Ashton, Deputy County Attorney, presented *Ethics, Sunshine and Public Records for Advisory Boards*. Ms. Ashton covered Part 1 of 2 regarding the County's Gift Policies and the Florida Sunshine Law and Public Records requirements as applicable to advisory board members. Ethics Training Part 2 will be presented at a future BHC meeting and address Conflicting Employment/Contractual Relationships and Voting Contracts.

**5) Approval of the February 23, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Christopher Krzemien moved to approve the minutes as presented. Teneshia Taylor seconded. All in favor.

**6) Chair's Report**

Chair Barry-Smith introduced Susan Spragg who serves on the Broward County Racial Equity Task Force. Ms. Spragg stated that the Task Force issued its initial report to the County Commission last fall who followed up with an Executive Summary identifying the following focus areas: Education, Housing, Health Care, Employment, and Criminal Justice. The Task Force Education and Housing Committees are developing a tracking scorecard for racial equity initiatives and collaborating with other agencies on these issues.

**7) Director's Report**

Jo Sesodia, Director, UPD reported on updates to the Affordable Housing Dashboard. She stated that a copy of the BHC 2023 Annual Report will be issued to the BHC members for review prior to the June 28, 2024, meeting. Ms. Sesodia requested that the County Attorney provide an update on the proposed Charter amendments regarding the Housing Council membership. Annika Ashton stated that this is expected to go to the County Commission on May 21 to set public hearing for the June 4 agenda. An ordinance adopted by the Board will add this item to the November ballot.

**8) New Business**

**A) Approval of Updated BHC Policies for Website, Newsletter and Social Media**

Jo Sesodia reported that the existing BHC policies were established in 2018 to address content on BHC website, newsletters and social media accounts. The proposed update removes references to social media as all BHC social media accounts have been eliminated and also updates the Division name.

**Motion:** Chris Krzemien moved to approve the updated policies as presented. Debra Hixon seconded. All in favor.

**B) Election of BHC Officers: Chair and Vice-Chair**

**Motion:** Michele Collie moved to elect Marcia Barry Smith as Chair. Seconded by Christopher Krzemien. All in favor.

**Motion:** Commissioner Rogers moved to elect Christopher Krzemien as Vice-Chair. Parnell Joyce seconded. All in favor.

**C) BHC Workshop Discussion**

Discussion regarding the BHC 2024 Affordable Housing Workshop will be initiated during the June 28 BHC meeting. Chair Barry-Smith suggested highlighting the Ten-Year Master Plan during this event.

Chair Barry-Smith raised the possibility of a separate workshop for BHC regarding details of the Master Plan; specifically, priority issues identified by the BHC such as impacts of condominium assessments. Following discussion, Chair Barry-Smith directed staff to schedule a workshop exclusively for Housing Council members, focusing on the following:

- Current condo issues;
- How we got here;
- Property management – how it works and how assessments will impact it; and
- How assessments may impact seniors and ways to address it in the Ten- Year Master Plan.

Approved:

9) **Old Business**

None.

10) **Public Comments**

Teresa Ingram, Broward County resident, addressed the BHC's coordination with other agencies and how they are addressing the root causes of the housing affordability crisis, such as wages. Chair Barry-Smith shared the purpose of the BHC and its role as an advisory board.

11) **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 AM.

12) **Next BHC Meeting: 10 AM, Friday, June 28, 2024, Room 430, Broward County Government Center East (GCE), 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale**

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