

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the  
Board of Commissioners of the  
Dania Beach Housing Authority  
Held in the Meeting Room  
715 West Dania Beach Boulevard, Dania Beach, Florida  
On Monday, May 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners the Dania Beach Housing Authority met at 5:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

**PRESENT**

Bob Adams, Chairperson  
Derrick Hankerson, Vice Chair  
Gloria Black  
Ivie Cure  
Ruth White  
William C. Winkelholz

**ABSENT**

**Non-Voting**

Carla Pierson

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Chair Adams. Chair Adams indicated Commissioner Brown was going to be late, but was on her way.

Commissioner Black gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Adams welcomed Commissioner Ivie Cure who replaces Commissioner Merita Mitchell.

The Chair advised the Executive Director had a family health issue and would not be attending the meeting.

**Reports**

The board reviewed the monthly reports. The Chair advised that while revenue is down, so are the expenses. There were no other questions about the monthly financial statements. Commissioner Brown arrived. The Board then reviewed the Occupancy and Termination/Eviction reports.

**Old Business:**

The Chair then provided the update of Saratoga Crossings. He advised that DBHA had received the disposition application approval. He indicated that we would move forward and build the senior building, as it did not require the local loan element. Commissioner Brown asked what that would mean to the residents, and the Chair advised we would still be moving everyone out as the entire property would be subject to disposition/demolition. Commissioner Black confirmed that the public

housing families will still be receiving their vouchers and that demolition would be completed on the east and west parcels.

The Chair advised that The Urban Group (TUG) as met with 28 of the 37 families regarding relocation. The remainder would have meetings in the upcoming week. He also mentioned the IT backup, Lindsey receivables modules, generalized IT support and digitizing the files are all byproducts of the redevelopment. Commissioner White mentioned companies that bring their truck/shredder right to the door and staff can monitor the files being shredded. Commissioner Brown asked which files would be digitized, and Ms. Pierson indicated that all clients, landlord and other pertinent files will be digitized.

The board then discussed the Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMR). The Chair mentioned the upcoming seminars. Dania Beach is conducting these seminars in conjunction with the other housing authorities. There will be one in Deerfield Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Dania Beach. Tenants will also be able to attend. There will be more seminars in the future, specifically for tenants/clients. The SAFMR payment standards are based on HUD FMR by zip code, which DBHA has combined like zip codes into zones. DBHA has similar zones to Deerfield with six zones countywide, while other HA's have 9 – 12 zones in some cases. The payment standards will be reviewed continuously and adjustments may be made.

### **New Business:**

The board discussed the news articles that were presented relative to housing, HUD policies, including scaling back subsidies, scaling back enforcement of fair housing and other changes that are being discussed. Commissioner Brown discussed how when you even use social media sites like Facebook, and the information is being used to profile and block information from certain people based on race, disabilities, and other immutable traits.

They also discussed potential changes in deductions, subsidy changes, and other factors that will overall reduce assistance to participants. Vice Chair Hankerson shared some information about advocates who are at the federal, state and local level who are fighting for persons who need food, health care, and housing assistance.

The Chair asked the board to considering canceling the July meeting since the board has not taken off a summer meeting in some time. He suggested they move the June meeting to June 18 to conduct a June/July board meeting instead. Commissioner Black made a motion, Commissioner White seconded and the motion carried unanimously without objections.

**Residents/Citizens Comments:** The chair asked if any residents had any comments. No one had any comments. Commissioner Brown asked if staff knew how long the relocation process would take as many residents have children they want to get set for the next school year. Ms. Pierson advised that there will be a 90-day notice to vacate sent to each resident. Chair Adams mentioned that staff and TUG had already reached out the Broward County School Board to confirm there is process to keep children in the current school even if they move out of the zone.

**Executive Director Comments:** None

**Board Comments:** The members commended the staff for their hard work on the Saratoga Crossings project. Commissioner Winkelholz said that he sees progress which is very important for the agency to continue serving our clients. Vice Chair Hankerson discussed how much he learned at the two conferences he attended, and his concern for some of the changes to the housing assistance programs being considered and reviewed by HUD. Chair Adams commended Commissioner Brown, as well as the other residents for her presentation at the City Commission meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.