

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS ENDORSEMENTS

The seven immediate recommendations were reviewed by the organizations represented on the Task Force. Strong endorsements of the principals embodied in the recommendations have been given by many of these agencies which have, to date, been able to schedule presentations to their governing bodies.



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May 18, 1971

Mr. William A. Wynn, Jr.
Mr. Harry S. Bassett
Co-Chairmen, Joint Housing Task Force
Greater Miami Coalition, Inc.
902 Southwest 2nd Avenue
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Dear Messrs. Wynn and Bassett:

I have had the opportunity during the past several months to be an active participant in the Housing Study Review Process and was impressed with the manner in which the goals and objectives were transformed into recommendations for presentation to County Manager E. Ray Goode.

The Urban League of Greater Miami would like to reaffirm its support of this important step in bringing effective action to housing and related problems facing our community.

Sincerely yours,

David Bolton
David Bolton
Housing Committee Chairman

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Mr. William Wynn, Director
Greater Miami Coalition
902 S.W. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida 33130

Dear Mr. Wynn:

At our CRB Council meeting of May 17, the Board, by overwhelming majority of those present, voted to endorse the seven recommendations drafted by the Joint Greater Miami Coalition/Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Housing Task Force. We applaud your very diligent efforts in this cause and encourage your continued good work.

Please be advised that Mr. Lyle D. Sulcomb, Jr. will represent the Community Relations Board at the May 18 luncheon, where the aforesaid recommendations will be presented to our County Commission. We gratefully acknowledge your enthusiastic cooperation in this extremely important endeavor.

With every good wish,

Harry King Stanford

Harry King Stanford
Chairman
Metropolitan Dade County
Community Relations Board

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the florida south chapter of the american institute of architects



APRIL 14, 1971

MR. WILLIAM WYNN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MIAMI COALITION
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RE: CHAMBER-COALITION JOINT
HOUSING TASK FORCE

DEAR BILL:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS REVIEWED THE SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT HOUSING TASK FORCE WHICH ARE TO BE SENT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION.

OUR BOARD ENDORSES THESE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPEEDY ADOPTION.

WE ALSO COMMEND THE TASK FORCE FOR ITS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE WORK OF ALLEVIATING THE HOUSING PROBLEMS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THE AIA HAS FOR MANY YEARS BEEN ADDRESSING ITSELF TO THESE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS THRU ITS SPONSORSHIP OF NATIONAL PROGRAMS SUCH AS "OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH" AND ITS LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS IN WASHINGTON.

NATIONAL PROGRAMS, THOUGH, OFTEN TEND TO GET TIED UP IN THEIR OWN RED TAPE AND ULTIMATELY LOCAL EFFORTS SUCH AS YOUR TASK FORCE MUST BE DEPENDED UPON TO FINALLY GET THE WORK DONE.

GOOD LUCK & SUCCESS,

Stanley H. Glasgow
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PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD

May 17, 1971

Mr. William Wynn, Executive Vice President
Greater Miami Coalition, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Wynn:

Pursuant to your request, the Dade County Planning Advisory Board reviewed the priority recommendations of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce-Greater Miami Coalition Housing Task Force and on April 22, 1971 approved a resolution of endorsement. Specifically, the Advisory Board voted that it "wholeheartedly agrees with and supports" those recommendations which urge the Board of County Commissioners to:

- adopt the quantitative and qualitative housing goals and use the goal-related criteria in identifying locations for subsidized housing;
- provide a housing specialist to coordinate and expedite subsidized housing programs;
- give priority for water and sewer service in areas that include subsidized housing;
- provide for a planned unit development zoning district;
- create a County land acquisition agency to acquire housing sites and convey them to the housing authority, and non-profit sponsors and appropriate an initial sum of one million dollars in a revolving fund for this activity; and
- appropriate substantially larger sums of money for supportive facilities for subsidized housing and evaluate the application of new federal, and potential state, revenue programs (New Communities, etc.) for the accomplishment of housing goals.

Sincerely,
Reginald R. Walker
Reginald R. Walker
Executive Secretary
Planning Advisory Board

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June 7th, 1971

Metropolitan Dade County Board of Commissioners
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Miami, Florida 33130

Gentlemen:

It was our pleasure to have had two of our eminently qualified builders, Charles I. Babcock, Jr. and Jay Juels serve on the Housing Task Force which has completed its report setting a goal of 10,000 housing units for Dade County.

Our Board of Directors concur with the recommendations of the Task Force in setting housing goals for the community and ask that the Metropolitan Dade County Board of Commissioners act favorably in accepting and executing the findings of this Task Force.

Very truly yours,

**BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

M. K. Dunsen
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Executive Director

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Department of
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June 3, 1971.

Mr. William Wynn, Jr.
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Chairman, Housing Task Force Committee
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Miami, Florida 33130

Dear Mr. Wynn:

I am pleased to advise you that the HUD Advisory Board has considered your Task Force recommendations for County Commission action and has unanimously approved the seven items.

The HUD Advisory Board also expressed their appreciation for the considerable amount of effort your Task Force has put into this major housing goal. As you know, several members of the HUD Advisory Board were involved in the Task Force recommendations and they indicated to the other Board members that the seven goals were certainly desirable but also encouraged the Housing Task Force to consider recommending any other items to the County Commission that would also assist this community in solving our housing problem.

Please be assured that the HUD Advisory Board will continue our joint efforts and participation in this Housing Task Force and will urge the adoption of these housing goals by the County Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney M. Aronowitz
Sidney M. Aronowitz, Chairman
HUD Advisory Board

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May 14, 1971

Mr. William A. Wynn, Jr., Chairman
Chamber-Coalition Joint Housing Task Force
The Greater Miami Coalition
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Dear Mr. Wynn:

At its meeting on Wednesday, May 12th, the Executive Committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce endorsed the recommendations of the joint Housing Task Force on quantitative and qualitative housing goals for Dade County.

Sincerely,

John Freeman
John Freeman

Wynn

OO: County Manager R. Ray Goode
Frank J. Callahan
David Blumberg
Charles I. Babcock, Jr.
H. V. Green
Charles L. Clements, Jr.
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The Miami Herald

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Wednesday, May 19, 1971

EDITORIALS

Real Force For A Housing Task

A SPECIAL citizen task force of 50 persons put together by the Greater Miami Urban Coalition and the Chamber of Commerce wants Metro Commission to create an agency which would build or rehabilitate 10,000 units of public housing in the next two years.

First the county government would set aside a revolving \$1 million for acquiring sites. Then it would hire an expediter to get the low- and medium-cost units going. Public, private and non-profit sponsors would do the building.

The 10,000 units barely crease the surface of Dade's housing needs, which have been estimated at 356,100 new units by 1985.

Yet this is a beginning, and an auspicious one. It borrows from the highly successful Dayton Plan which saw that Ohio city unite and begin to extricate its people from bad housing and worse neighborhoods.

Here is the idealism implicit in community pride melded with pragmatism. It will not be lost on the practical-minded that the man who presented the program to Metro Commission was Harry Hood Bassett, the banker. Heavily supported by the business community, he

made an irrefutable case for a unitary approach to what is perhaps Dade's most serious problem.

Housing is bad here and growing worse. A splendid expressway system laced the community in concrete at the expense of thousands of people whose dwellings were leveled before anyone thought to ask where they would find shelter.

Population congestion has only exacerbated the shortage already aggravated by financial conditions: there have been years of non-building because all reason had gone out of land and construction costs.

The plan has special merit, as we understand it. First because it fixes on firm goals for the first time; next because it creates a land acquisition agency which will operate (for the first time in this country at the urban level) as a land bank; then because it strengthens the planning and zoning process, and finally because it fixes in the county manager's office the direct responsibility for producing.

We call this a housing start. In two years we hope that, as a part of Dade's long-range housing goals, it may be called an accomplishment.

In our opinion:

Housing: A test of courage

"Who will blow the trumpet for the ill-housed?" County Manager Ray Goode inquired of the Community Relations Board at a meeting last November. The question was the title of a major statement on the community's critical shortage of low and moderate income housing.

Today the manager has at least part of his answer. A joint housing task force created by the Greater Miami Coalition and the Chamber of Commerce submitted seven recommendations to Goode and the Metro Commission.

Only one carries a price tag of any consequence, but the housing crisis which Mr. Goode documented so thoroughly last November can be attributed to more than a dollar shortage.

Much of the logjam can be broken by a greater measure of political courage. The consultants who helped analyze the crisis found, for example, a problem of "indifferent or antagonistic community attitudes." It is sad but true that the housing "haves" aren't overly concerned about the "havenots."

It will take real statesmanship on the part of the Commission, therefore, to adopt a formal commitment for at least 10,000 housing units in Dade County over the next two years. It will take courage also to allocate \$1 million out of a tight budget to create a land bank of housing sites, as the task force recommends.

The ultimate test of courage will come when the Commission is asked to restrict its own right

to overrule zoning regulations made by the county agencies. A key recommendation of the task force would require a three-fourths Commission vote to override the professional zoners.

That recommendation was designed to cope with one of the major constraints in the low and moderate cost housing shortage, which is the lack of sites. When suitable sites are found, they are sometimes lost because the chosen neighborhoods bring pressure on their elected officials to deny the necessary zoning.

Like most of the task force recommendations, that one can be achieved without a great expenditure of dollars. All it takes is the determination to act positively against the number one social problem of our time.

The 11 organizations which participated in the task force study are to be commended for their candor, as is their chairman, banker Harry Hood Bassett. Their findings, if acted upon in good faith, will constitute a helpful attack on the crisis at the county level.

Also necessary are the participation of the state government, which must follow through on Community Affairs Director Athalie Range's request for \$2 million in housing seed money, and the federal government, which is sitting on billions in urban funds for political reasons.

Meanwhile we urge the Metro Commission to give quick consideration to the important steps recommended by the joint housing task force.

The Miami Times

THE MIAMI TIMES, FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1971

Housing Plan Deserves Action Now

The housing proposal advanced by the committee of 15 agencies and organizations should receive fast consideration and approval of the Metro Commission.

On Tuesday, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and Urban Coalition combined their efforts in advancing a seven-point plan designed to help alleviate the critical housing shortage facing our community.

Though this report was but the first step in a long process of items needed to complete the job and provide housing for everyone, especially low and moderate-income housing, it did go a long way in some of its recommendations.

The proposals would put the county in a leadership role in the community in the field of housing. It would also demonstrate to the people of the county, the county's dedication and commitment to adequate housing for everyone which is so desperately needed.

"The time has come," said committee chairman Harry H. Bassett, who doubles as president of the First National Bank of Miami, "to involve the political leadership in this undertaking and to ask of each of them to give a sign of their good faith and belief in the capacity of this community to meet its low and moderate-income housing problem."

The proposals, which were presented at a luncheon meeting, were well received by the commissioners, all of whom were present.

The County Commission should adopt these as goals now and move to implement them immediately. The provisions would demonstrate the determination of the county in the field of housing, and it is this determination which is needed to get the job done.

The county must now seek out housing which is safe, sanitary and decent and located in suitable neighborhood environments, the report said. Among the proposals was one which asks the county to set up a land acquisition agency which would acquire housing sites and turn them over to the housing authority or non-profit sponsors. The committee urged \$1 million be used to this purpose.

Pointing out the county will need 10,000 dwelling units in the next two years, the report called for the immediate implementation of housing program which would resolve the pressing situation now in existence throughout the county.

With the development of adequate water and sewer and improved transportation, the job can be done.

Among the other recommendations by the task force committee were measures which would provide for planned unit development zoning district which would encourage the mixing of a variety of housing types and price ranges within a given area. This would allow greater design flexibility and eliminate the potential "ghetto."