



COMMISSION on EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT
April 4, 2024, 4:00pm

Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting (04/04/2024)
(4:01 pm) via Zoom meeting.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call, and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Chair Jim Tofel, roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

No Action Taken

Members Present:

Voting Members:

Jim Tofel
Maryann Beerling
Laurie Mazerbo
Mindy Bernstein
Raye Winch
Jay Young
Kenny Wong
Tisha Tillman
Maggie Amado-Tellez

Representing:

Mayor & Council
Mayor & Council
HCD
HCD
Mayor & Council
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Mayor & Council
Pima County
Community

Ex-officio:

Mike Edmonds
Koren Manning

Tucson House Res.
City of Tucson, PDSD

Absent:

Betty Villegas
Wendy Ascher
W. Mark Clark
Vicki Cuscino
Ann Chanecka
Marcos Ysmael

City of South Tucson
Non-Profit
Pima Council on Aging
Direct
HCD
Pima County

2. Review and Adoption of March 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes

-Without Objection minutes were approved

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Jim Tofel read aloud the guidelines for Call to the Audience for virtual meetings:

This is the time when any member of the public may address the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development. Due to time constraints, the total time allocated for this is 15 minutes. Individuals are allowed three (3) minutes each. Due to Open Meeting Law, Commission Members cannot discuss topics that are not on the agenda. Items brought up by the public may be considered as an agenda item for a future meeting.

- *Ben Buehler-Garcia- Private Citizen*

4. Key HCD Projects for CEHD Involvement

-Presentation and Discussion by HCD Staff Alison Miller and Lena Porell. Discussion held on the P-CHIP and Prosperity Initiative

- Alison Miller of HCD, Discussed the prosperity Initiative handout and its collaboration between public and private sectors in Tucson and the surrounding area creating communities, reducing poverty, and creating and improving opportunities.

- Lena Porell of HCD, gave updates on the P-CHIP and gave a brief description of what the goals and programs are. City of Tucson will hold a public meeting on May 2, 2024, and asked the commission to join.

-A motion to meet in person and Hybrid at 4pm at Housing First office and followed by a P-CHIP public meeting at El Pueblo Neighborhood Center at 5:30pm by HCD on May 2, 2024, was passed 8-0.

5. HCD Update

-Discussion held by Jason Thorpe, Lena Porell, Alison Miller of HCD along with Jay Young.

- Jason Thorpe of HCD, gave a brief discussion on the recent neighborhood meeting/forum at the old Fire Station 8 Development. The discussion was held with the neighborhood and surrounding community.

- Jay Young shared an upcoming event with Fair Housing at Armory Park this month.

- Alison Miller of HCD, gave an update on the early stages and planning on the South 10th Ave project. What to expect from the upcoming forums regarding future planning and development.

-No action Taken.

6. Subcommittee Updates

A. Housing First

- Quorum met; Housing first met voted and finalized on 3 goals for the year.

B. Equitable Housing Strategies Subcommittee

- Quorum met; goals and identifying and narrowing key issues

C. Affordable Housing

- Quorum not met – no meeting took place.

7. Continued Discussion of February 2 retreat and Next Steps

- Due to additional information needed on the HCD procurement funds along with consultants' approval to continue, this item was tabled till May 2nd Commissioners meeting for further discussion.

No action Taken.

8. City-County Joint Housing Meeting

- Due to several voting members' absence, the item was tabled until May 2nd Commission meeting for further discussion.

No action Taken.

9. Next Steps

- A. Commission meets May 2, and June 6, 2024, 4-6 pm.*
- B. Affordable Housing Subcommittee, April 17, 4-6 pm*
- C. Equitable Housing Strategies Subcommittee, April 25, 1-2:30 pm*
- D. Housing First Subcommittee, April 30, 4-5:30 pm*

10. Adjournment – 5:49 pm

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