



## COMMISSION on EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT May 4, 2023

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Adopted by the Commission at the 6/1/2023 meeting.

Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting (5/4/2023) (4:01 pm) via Zoom meeting.

### MINUTES

#### 1. **Call to Order/Roll Call, and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Chair, Jim Tofel. Roll call was taken by Chair. A quorum was established.

Both Voting and Ex-Officio members gave a quick introduction of themselves.

*No Action Taken*

#### Voting Members:

##### **Members Present:**

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Jim Tofel  
Vicki Cuscino  
Wendy Ascher  
Maryann Beerling-4:05p  
Laurie Mazerbo  
Mindy Bernstein  
Jay Young  
Sharayah Jimenez  
KynBreanna Washington-4:07pm  
Maggie Amado-Tellez

W. Mark Clark  
Tisha Tallman

##### **Representing:**

Mayor & Council  
Direct  
Non-Profit  
Mayor & Council  
HCD  
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Pima County  
Community Land Trust  
Pima Council on Aging  
Mayor & Council

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##### Ex-officio:

Marcos Ysmael  
Koren Manning

##### Absent:

Pima County  
City of Tucson, PSDS

Liz Morales  
Betty Villegas  
Ray Winch

City of Tucson, HCD  
City of South Tucson  
Mayor & Council

## **2. Review and Adoption of April 13, 2023, 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.*

*-Victoria Loonstyn-Baron, Private Citizen*

## **4. Discussion of Commission Goals and Priorities**

*Presentation by Jay Young on the future goals of the Commission and what are the future goals and priorities over the next couple of years. Refocusing on what our vision is and what we are trying to accomplish, and the impossible action on requesting a commission consultant.*

*Focusing on someone local that knows Tucson and our goals to facilitate a conversation to get us to the next step in the Commission's goals and implementing that was approved by the Mayor and Council.*

*Other topics of discussion was focusing on an Equitable Tucson and how we as a Commission can get there and having a community voice be a part of the meeting. Jay Young will bring to the next meeting the results of the study done by ASU students on Equity. Study available on Commissioners website.*

*-Discussion held; no action taken*

## **5. Commission Vice Chairperson**

*Presentation by Jim Tofel, Michael Edmonds, previous Vice Chair, stepped down at the last Commissioners meeting, leaving a Vice Chair Vacancy. A motion to open Discussion to nominate a candidate.*

*Jay Young self-nominated for that position as Vice Chair, no other nominations came forth. Mindy Bernstein made a motion to nominate Jay Young as Vice Chair and Vicki Cuscino seconded the motion.*

*-A vote of 7-0 was passed.*

## **6. CEHD Membership**

*Presenting for HCD Ernesto Portillo discussing adding an ex-officio seat for public housing or a housing Choice voucher representative. To make a formal recommendation to the Mayor and Council.*

*Mindy Bernstein made a motion to add Ex-officio member on the Commission for an Individual who is reciting or participating in the continuum of the city supported within Public Housing or using Housing Choice Voucher. Vicki Cuscino seconded the motion.*

*-A vote of 8-0 was passed.*

## **7. Subcommittee Updates**

### *A. Housing First*

*-No Discussion held; Quorum was not met; no action taken*

### *B. Housing Segregation*

*-Discussion held; Focus and Vision on Equity Study and what housing equity is and a goal to get there, also, what Desegregation in Tucson is and recognizing all parts of that meaning.*

### *C. Affordable Housing*

*- No Discussion held; Quorum not met; no action taken*

## **8. HCD Updates**

*-Presenting for HCD was Ernesto Portillo, explained that Director Liz Morales and Deputy Director Ann Chanecka were preparing for HUD officials; HCD is a finalist for the 50-million-dollar transformation grant, focusing on the Tucson House and the immediate area. Grant will be announced in Late July.*

*-Discussion held; no action taken*

## **9. Next Steps**

- A. Next Meeting June 1 and July 6, 2023, from 4-6pm*
- B. Affordable Housing Subcommittee May 17, 2023, 4-6pm*
- C. Housing Desegregation Subcommittee May 25, 2023, 1-2:30pm*
- D. Housing First Subcommittee May 31, 2023, 4-5:30pm*

## **10. Adjournment – 5:05 pm**

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Links:

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/cehd>