



**COMMISSION on EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT
June 1, 2023**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwzRj1nFk6k>

Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting (5/4/2023)
(4:03 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 by Chair. A quorum was established. Both Voting and Ex-Officio members gave a quick introduction of themselves to new Commissioners.
-No Action Taken

Voting Members:

Members Present:

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

W. Mark Clark
Tisha Tallman
Raye Winch
Kenny Wong

Representing:

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

Marcos Ysmael-4:06pm
Koren Manning
Betty Villegas-4:06pm

Pima County
City of Tucson, PSDS
City of South Tucson

Absent:

Liz Morales

City of Tucson, HCD

2. Review and Adoption of May 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes

-Without Objection minutes were approved

-Item taken out of order.

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.

-Joe Aldino, Private Citizen

-Beau Phillips, Private Citizen

4. Revisit ASU Equity Study

Jay Young is Absent a Motion was made to Table to next meeting, July 6, 2023.

*-Motion made by Laurie Mazerbo, W. Mark Clark second the motion
Vote was 11-0*

5. Select new Chair for Housing First Subcommittee

Discussion by Jim Tofel on replacing Michael Edmonds spot in the Housing First Subcommittee; Tisha Tallman volunteered to take Chair of the Housing First Subcommittee. Along with W. Mark Clark volunteered to also be on the Housing First subcommittee.

Mindy Bernstein made a motion to appoint Tisha Tillman as Chair Mary Ann Beerling second the motion. Vote was 11-0

6. Discussion and Possible selection of facilitator

Discussion held by Jim Tofel on the continuation discussion from last month's meeting in contracting a facilitator to help with the next steps after submitting a series of recommendations to Mayor and Council on February 27th Council Study session. The goal is to advise the Mayor and Council on things that can be done to address inequities and the affordable housing supply and what as a city we can do to get more affordable housing long term.

Discussion held; no action taken.

7. Discussion and Possible vote on follow-up action with Mayor and Council and CEHD recommendation

Discussion held by Jim Tofel on the current updates on what was submitted to Mayor and Council on February 27,2023 and if CEHD needs to do any Follow ups that need to be done. Updates by Ann Chanecka and Koren Manning.

City Staff will follow up with Procurement and inquire about the contracted Facilitators with the City of Tucson and Possibly depending on cost, a non-contracted facilitator.

Discussion held; no action taken.

8. Subcommittee Updates

A. Housing First

-Discussion by Tisha Tillman-

Presentation video by Brandi Champion on the Housing First program project showing current and projected budget 2024.

Announce to CEHD Pulitzer winner Author Mathew Desmond will be here December 12,2023 at the Fox theatre located on Congress which will be open to the public, but also retained him for local advocates in the area to do a roundtable December 13,2023.

B. Housing Segregation

-No Discussion held; Jay Young was Absent; no action taken

C. Affordable Housing

- No Discussion held; no action taken due to quorum not met.

9. HCD Updates

-Presenting by HCD Deputy Director Ann Chanecka advised the Commission that Liz Morales has taken a promotion position at the City Managers office, and for the time being Ann Chanecka will be Interim Director till one can be hired.

-ADOH released funding to persons experiencing homelessness collaborating with HCD/COT/PCC an application for funding shelter programs in Tucson was submitted. The announcement will be June 6th.

-Tucson was awarded 4- projects within the city with the ADOH Low Income tax Credit Award.

-Discussion held; no action taken

10. Next Steps

- A. Next Meeting July 6, and Aug. 3, 2023, from 4-6pm
- B. Affordable Housing Subcommittee June 21, 2023, 4-6pm
- C. Housing Desegregation Subcommittee June 22, 2023, 1-230pm
- D. Housing First Subcommittee June 28, 2023, 4-5:30pm

11. Adjournment – 5:45 pm

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- [ASU Equity Study: Local Project Tasks Report](#)
- [ASU Equity Study: Context for the Problem](#)
- <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/cehd>