



**COMMISSION on EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT  
August 3, 2023**

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Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting (08/03/2023)  
(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, and a quorum was established.

*No Action Taken*

**Members Present:**

Voting Members:

Jim Tofel  
Sharayah Jimenez  
Wendy Ascher  
Laurie Mazerbo  
Mindy Bernstein  
Jay Young  
Maggie Amado-Tellez

W. Mark Clark  
Tisha Tallman  
Raye Winch  
Kenny Wong -4:04p

**Representing:**

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

Marcos Ysmael  
Ann Chanecka

Pima County  
City of Tucson, HCD

Absent:

Maryann Beerling  
KynBreanna Washington  
Koren Manning  
Vicki Cuscino  
Betty Villegas

Mayor & Council  
Mayor & Council  
City of Tucson, PDSD  
Direct  
City of South Tucson

**2. Review and Adoption of July 6, 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 Allison-Helsing, Private Citizen*

### **4. Homeless and Encampment update -**

Presentation given by Brandi Champion and/or Jason Thorpe of HCD, on the Homeless and Encampments. Brandi presented the 5 pillars of Housing First and Programs in Housing First, along with defining those 5 pillars, and showing the pathways to permanent housing allowing members to achieve stability and the foundation to support sustainable goals, along with helping remove barriers. Displaying the Department participants, encampment protocol process, and assessment.

Jason presented Current Homelessness Trends and Data Collections in Tucson, and the 3 data collections recently done and its process and findings. Showing the recent point in time count, the homeless needs, and System Modeling. A Collaboration of Tucson, Pima County and SIROW.

*Discussion held; No action taken.*

### **5. Prosperity Initiative -**

Presentation given by Bonnie Bazata of Pima County, and Keith Bentele of SIROW A brief review of the Prosperity Initiative presented to CEHD a few months ago, Focusing on the first Housing policies, Housing mobility, and Housing Stability.

*Discussion held; No action taken.*

### **6. Update on HUD Choice Grant**

Ann Chanecka Director of HCS announced on being the recipient of the HUD Housing Choice Neighborhood Grant and working closely with HUD and moving forward.

*Discussion held; No action taken.*

**7. Discussion on board retreat and facilitators –**

Jim Tofel gave a brief discussion and update that the commission need to use a city facilitator. Members of the commission met with Tahini Robinson and Colleen Whittaker will present a proposal to meet with each of the subcommittees individually and on the half Day retreat.

*Discussion held; No action taken.*

**8. Revisit ASU Equity Study-**

*Tabled to next CEHD meeting.*

**9. Open Commissioner Positions-**

Jim Tofel announced there are 2 positions open on the commission. Mayor and Council approved ex-officio; Micheal Edmunds was submitted. The other position is a youth position, the commission agrees to keep that open and to further discuss.

*Discussion held; No action taken.*

**10. Subcommittee Updates**

**Affordable Housing – Jim Tofel/MaryAnn Beerling**

The Members discussed the affordable housing numbers and goals along with the needs and future numbers will look like for the next couple of years.

*Discussion held; No action taken.*

**Housing First – Tisha Tallman**

The Members met with Brandi Champion for a discussion on the housing first program. A discussion was held regarding members, and what our goals would be for the future meetings for all members to attend.

*Discussion held: No action taken.*

### **Housing Segregation - Jay**

Meeting for subcommittee cancelled. No updates

*Discussion held; No action taken.*

### **11. HCD Update**

*Tabled to next CEHD meeting.*

### **12. Next Steps**

Commission meets Sept. 7 and Oct. 5, 4-6 pm.

Affordable Housing Subcommittee, August 16, 4-6 pm.

Housing Desegregation Subcommittee, August 24, 1-2:30 pm.

Housing First Subcommittee- August 29, 4-5:30pm

### **13. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 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>
- [2023 Point in Time Count & Housing Utilization Report](#), B

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