



**COMMISSION on EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT
February 1, 2024- 4:00PM**

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Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting (02/01/2024)
(4:01 pm) via Zoom/In-person 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, and a quorum was established.

No Action Taken

Members Present:

Voting Members:

Jim Tofel
W. Mark Clark
Mindy Bernstein
Jay Young
Vicki Cuscino
Raye Winch
Kenny Wong
Maryann Beerling
Tisha Tillman
Maggie Amado-Tellez

Representing:

Mayor & Council
Pima Council on Aging
HCD
Mayor & Council
Direct
Mayor & Council
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Mayor & Council
Mayor & Council
Pima County
Community

Ex-officio:

Koren Manning
Ann Chanecka
Mike Edmonds

City of Tucson, PDSD
HCD
Tucson House Resident

Absent:

Betty Villegas
Marcos Ysmael
Wendy Ascher
Laurie Mazerbo

City of South Tucson
Pima County
Non-Profit
HCD

4. Presentation by Laurice Walker, Chief Equity Officer for

City of Tucson

-Item 4 of the Commissioners Meeting taken out of order without objection was approved

-Presentation and Discussion Given by Laurice Walker, Chief Equity Officer for City of Tucson, Ms. Walker wanted to take time to define what Equity is and an Equity statement looks like for the Commission of Equity housing, along with obtaining thoughts, and discussion of the future state of equitable housing, and its defining indicators, identifying and making changes.

- No action Taken.

2. Review and Adoption of January 4, 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.

5. Equity study discussion. Pre-retreat discussion to define goals looking forward:

-Discussion held by Jay Young and Jim Tofel on the upcoming retreat and what the commission's goals and expectations are of the retreat. The Commission discussed the two Equity Study done by the ASU students, Local Project task Report and the Context study report. Both studies Focused on the History of equity and how other communities are addressing the Equity issues, and how we in the City of Tucson can addressing gentrifications, cause and solutions surrounding equity issues as a whole entity.

-No action Taken.

6. Pre-retreat update

Discussion on the pre-retreat and Updates held by Ernesto Portillo, of HCD. The Consultants will send the commission the upcoming retreat agenda via email but also available on the CEHD website.

The Commission will meet in the Sentinel over lunch provided at 12-noon and following with the retreat with Southwest Consultants will start after at 1230p. A webinar is available to a commissioner that cannot attend, The City of Tucson Mayor Romero will attend for the first hour.

A mention to discuss the future presence of Laurice Walker from the City of Tucson at future Commission meeting.

To bring a discussion for future Commissioner Meetings live in person at tomorrow's retreat.

-No action Taken.

7. HCD Update

Discussion held by Ann Chanecka of HCD, award announcement on the rental housing went out thank you for participating in the scoring. Award announcement went out to 5 of 6 went out today.

Alison Miller discussed moving forward with Laura Sharp and Laurice Walker of the City of Tucson Equity Offices and working closely with HCD on the next phase of data, Metric indicators, and index on our target areas in Tucson and identifying target areas.

Discussion of the recent forum with community in the Amphi district for the new resource center at old fire station #8 on King Road.

Announcement of New Housing and Community Director was accepted by Ann Chanecka.

-No action Taken.

8. Subcommittee Updates

A. Housing First

- Meeting Cancelled due to retreat Feb 2, 2024; no action taken

B. Housing Desegregation

- Meeting Cancelled due to retreat Feb 2, 2024; no action taken

C. Affordable Housing

- Discussion by Jim Tofel, Affordable housing met, most of the discussion was regarding the upcoming retreat and the expectation and goals of the retreat.

- No action taken.

9. Next Steps

- A. *Commission meets March 7 and April 4, 2024, 4-6 pm.*
- B. *Affordable Housing Subcommittee, Feb. 21, 4-6 pm*
- C. *Housing Desegregation Subcommittee, Feb. 22, 1-2:30p*
- D. *Housing First Subcommittee, Feb 27, 4-5:30pm*

10. Adjournment – 5:47 pm

For meeting support such as Spanish language translation, sign language interpretation, or other access needs, please contact Ernesto Portillo at (520) 403-5709 or ernesto.portillo@tucsonaz.gov. Please allow ample time to make these arrangements.

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