

HOUSING FIRST SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

August 27, 2024- 4:00PM

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Housing First Subcommittee of the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting

Call to Order/Roll Call, and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair Tisha Tallman. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

No Action Taken

Members present: Tisha Tallman, Mindy Berstein, Mark Clark

Members absent: Wendy Ascher

Members of public present: none

Others Present: Ernesto Portillo, Elaine MacPherson

Approval of the July Minutes – approved as submitted

Housing First Update – Elaine, Supervisor of the Homeless System Improvement with the City reported the following: She's working with the Continuum of Care lead entity that's for the Lead Agency for the Tucson/Pima County Operations and Homelessness. She spoke about the function of Housing 1st and about their initiative and work (cross-section initiative) which works to get encampments dispersed into housing, so far, they have worked with 175 individuals to get them out of those encampments and into shelter. This initiative has been in place for 7 months. She also talked about the COC (Continuum of Care) which is running its annual competition for funds.

Ernesto had an announcement: October 11th Homeless Connect is having an event and they need 300 volunteers.

Elaine helped organize the receiving of 10,000 blankets from FEMA and unloaded them with the help from City employees, MDOT and Housing Community Development.

Discussion, HFS recommendations to full CEHD – Jim went over a re-cap of previous discussions from prior meetings: 1. Non-profit organization Homing Project; 2. City of Phoenix on their initiatives; 3. Dave from Holistic Transformations which transform box cars into homes for young adults transitioning out of foster care. It was brought up to invite him to speak about

the program. At this time the subcommittee would like to make two recommendations to the full committee which have PowerPoint presentations ready to present: City of Phoenix and AHCCCS. Jim will add this item back onto the agenda for the next meeting for further updates.

Call to Audience – no hands raised

Additional Research – Ernesto and Mindy will be in contact with Dave from Holistic Transformations to invite him to speak at the next meeting.

Next Steps – Agenda items for the September 24th meeting are as follows:

1. Call to audience
2. HCD updates
3. Presentation from Holistic Transformations

Adjournment – 4:37 pm