



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission**  
**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 7, 2018**  
**FINAL**



**Call to Order**

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission was called to order at 4:40 pm at the Department of Health and Human Services, 825 L Street Room 423, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting was staffed by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Housing & Community Services Division (HCSD), Community Safety and Development (CSD).

**I. Roll Call**

Doug Lamkin, Chair Nikole Nelson, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair Claire Waddoup, 1 <sup>st</sup> Co-Chair Niki Burrows S J Klein Noel Rea <b><u>DHHS Staff</u></b> Nancy Anderson, CSD Program Manager	E = Excused U = Unexcused	Ann Gravier, HUD Sara Drummond Visitor
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**There was a quorum**

**II. Approval of March 7, 2018 HHAND Agenda**

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b> Commissioner Burrows
<b><u>SECOND:</u></b> Commissioner Rea
<b><u>DISCUSSION:</u></b> No Discussion
<b><u>VOTE:</u></b> Unanimous

**III. Approval of HHAND February 7, 2018 Minutes**

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b> Co-Chair Nelson moved to amend and approve.
<b><u>SECOND:</u></b> Commissioner Burrows
<b><u>DISCUSSION:</u></b> Change to the February minutes, there was quorum.
<b><u>VOTE:</u></b> Unanimous

**IV. Conflict of Interest Declarations & Annual Disclosure of Present Economic Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest.

**V. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**VI. Old Business**

- A. Nine Star's employment pilot program, "Fighting Homelessness with the Net and Ladder"

Ms. Anderson signed and delivered the resolution to the Mayor's office and Assembly along with an attached memo from Melinda Freeman, Director Department Health & Human Services.

**B. Alaska Railroad land use rent versus purchase SB86.**

Chair Lamkin informed the commissioners Alaska Railroad is petitioning the state legislature to change how they convey land. Alaska Railroad is asking for support to put ownership in how they sell land at their board level, now it has to go through state approval to make any changes. NeighborWorks Alaska owns 240 units of affordable housing, NeighborWorks Alaska does not own the land; the only way they can own the land is if the state allowed the sale of the land. In 22 years if NeighborWorks Alaska does not own the land then they have to demolish the buildings, per the lease agreement.

Co-Chair Nelson suggested the commission have a sponsor from Alaska Railroad come to a meeting and answer questions that the commissioners may have to gain a better understanding of what the impacts are.

The commissioners may also want to hear the side of the Advocacy Chair from the Builders, Owners and Managers Association along with the opposition. Chair Lamkin will reach out to Tim Sullivan, Director External Affairs, Alaska Railroad. Co-Chair Waddoup will contact Mark Butler, Manager Federation of Community Councils, Inc. and set up a time for them to address the commission.

**VII. New Business**

- A. Co-Chair Nelson suggested for new business that April is Fair Housing month and the anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and it would be nice if the commission could invite somebody to give a presentation on that topic. Co-Chair Nelson also would like to do a press release through the Mayor's Office and the HHAND Commission in recognition of Fair Housing.

Ms. Anderson stated she would contact the Mayor's office and draft a proclamation for Mayor Berkowitz to sign announcing the Fair Housing 50th Anniversary and Month in April. The Mayor's staff will schedule a press release for him to read the proclamation. She will let the commissioners know when the press release is scheduled.

Ms. Anderson will coordinate a link to be setup on the Municipality's webpage for Fair Housing 50th Anniversary Events that lists the events for the public to attend.

**VIII. Reports**

**A. Subcommittee Reports**

There were no subcommittee reports.

**B. Commissioners' Comments**

A new meeting time for regular HHAND Commission meetings has been changed to start at 4:00 and end at 5:30 pm.

**C. MOA Representative's Report**

Ms. Anderson gave a presentation on the 2018 – 2022 Consolidated Plan and the annual 2018 Action Plan.

A discussion was held and accepted regarding Public Hearings, the HHAND Commission will change its meeting time to occur during the time of Public Hearings.

Ms. Anderson brought up the rule that an election of officers is to be held in March. Commissioner Rea called for a motion to elect a new chair.

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b> Co-Chair Nelson
<b><u>SECOND:</u></b> Commissioner Burrows
<b><u>DISCUSSION:</u></b> Commissioner Rea suggested to maintain status quo with officers.
<b><u>VOTE:</u></b> Vote was unanimous to maintain status quo.

**IX. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next meeting April 4, 2018 at DHHS, 825 L Street Room 423 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm.