



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2017

FINAL



Call to Order

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission was called to order at 4:35 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 (HCS), Community Safety and Development (CSD).

I. Roll Call

There was not a quorum.

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Guests
Doug Lamkin, Chair Nelta Edwards Claire Waddoup, 1 st Co-Chair <u>DHHS Staff</u> Nancy Anderson, CSD Program Manager	Niki Burrows (E) Nikole Nelson (E) John Sperbeck (E) John Pendrey (U) Kenny Petersen (E) E = Excused U = Unexcused	Ann Gravier, HUD Melinda Gant, Anchorage Community Development Authority Bexley Brown, Anchorage Downtown Partnership

II. Approval of August 8, 2017 HHAND Agenda (No Quorum)

<u>MOTION:</u>
<u>SECOND:</u>
<u>DISCUSSION:</u>
<u>VOTE:</u>

III. Approval of HHAND May 3, 2017 and June 7, 2017 Minutes (No Quorum)

<u>MOTION:</u>
<u>SECOND:</u>
<u>DISCUSSION:</u>
<u>VOTE:</u>

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

There were none.

V. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VI. New Business

- A. Develop shared performance goals wording of CoC Anchorage Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness – Chair Doug Lamkin.

Chair Lamkin reported that Commissioner Petersen is working with Nancy Burke on the verbiage about measuring the impact on an economic scale to the Assembly. The program they are using is based on Alaska Housing's Jump Start. The HHAND Commission will vote on supporting the performance measures and writing a letter of support.

- B. Presentation from Anchorage Community Development Authority (ACDA) on housing of downtown bus station remodel.

Melinda Gant from Anchorage Community Development Authority gave a presentation on the projects going on in downtown Anchorage and spoke of the positive focus on the outlook for Anchorage.

1. The residential and commercial real estate values are generally stable.
2. In the real estate market, Anchorage has the opportunity to tap significant unmet housing demands by meeting the needs of young professionals and seniors.
3. JBER, forced reductions are off the table now, which will avoid a painful hit to the economy, and quite a few of those people have housing needs.

Going into the downtown area, Anchorage and ACDA have always known that we need housing in downtown Anchorage. There has been a big focus in that area and there are five primary projects that are going to be hitting us in the next five years.

1. 7th between I and K property is moving forward, this is a Cook Inlet Housing project and is called Elizabeth Place, it is mixed use and will have 40 one bedroom apartments. Some will be market value and some will be subsidized.
2. Block 102 between 8th and 9th Avenue and between D and E Streets. MOA Real Estate managing solicitation.
3. Transit Center remodel of ground floor retail and transit center; housing on the 6th Avenue side of the building.
4. 8th and K. BCI and Mark Lewis/Dave Irwin interested. Lewis/Irwin proposing MOA to work together.
5. Muni Health & Human Services moving to Tudor/Elmore and current property proposed as a mixed usage site.

Chair Lamkin brought up the subject of remodeling that there will be a number of people displaced at the Transit Center. Ms. Gant explained that she has been working with social service providers and educating them on the change and already there has been a positive outcome for Covenant House.

A big problem in downtown Anchorage is the homelessness; a lot of the folks need special services along with some mental health issues and challenges. ACDA has provided all of their staff, security, all of the Anchorage Downtown Partnership ambassadors, maintenance and the clean-up crew health training. They received mental health training, first aid training, automated external defibrillator (AED) training and shooter training; now they know how to work with the people downtown.

One of the things they noticed was the Alaska Native population was not getting the services they needed. Ms. Gant said she connected with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) and they have become a fantastic partner. They set up a special bus service, they come twice a week now and pick up quite a few people and take them directly to get the services they need.

With space freeing up as tenants are pulled out of the Transit Center ACDA has opened up space for ANTHC free of charge. They have been going into this space and setting up a service table twice a month to provide special services for the clientele, as they knew from talking to the service providers that 60% of the homeless population was Alaska Native. They also have been working with folks on the changes in bus service.

Anchorage Downtown Partnership will present at the next meeting, September 6, 2017.

VII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm