



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 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 (HCSD), Community Safety and Development (CSD).

I. Roll Call

There was a quorum.

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Guests
Claire Waddoup, 1 st Co-Chair Niki Burrows Kenny Petersen Nelta Edwards John Sperbeck <u>DHHS Staff</u> Nancy Anderson, CSD Program Manager	Doug Lamkin, Chair (E) Nikole Nelson, 2nd Co-Chair (E) E = Excused U = Unexcused	Ann Gravier, HUD Ruth Schoenleben, Nine Star

II. Approval of November 1, 2017 HHAND Agenda

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Burrows
<u>SECOND:</u> Commissioner Edwards
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> Commissioner Petersen requests to add outstanding business, namely our letter to the Mayor’s office about Nine Star’s employment pilot project effort.
<u>VOTE:</u> Unanimous

III. Approval of HHAND October 4, 2017 Minutes

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

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

Resignation of John Sperbeck. Commissioner Sperbeck officially resigned but will attend as a member of the public. A discussion followed regarding bringing in new commissioners as there are now three vacancies and which field needs to be recruited.

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” - Commissioner Petersen and Ruth Schoenleben, President of Nine Star Education and Employment Services

Commissioner Petersen said they were looking for the status of the letter being sent to Nancy Burke, the response and what to expect and hope for as the next one or two steps, is what he recommended discussing. Nancy Anderson informed the Commission that Nancy Burke received the letter and she did respond back. Ms. Anderson sent Ms. Burke’s response to the Chair and both Co-Chairs. Ms. Anderson informed the Commission that there wasn’t any funding available at this time but the program is important and the MOA might consider it in the future.

Commissioner Petersen, agreed that there wasn’t any funding available from the MOA but that there is another pool of money that he learned about at the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness directors meeting. Nancy Burke has some influence in how the money is spent and may help contribute to our request.

Commissioner Petersen went on to say that the next point of action would be to take the Commission’s letter to the next Assembly meeting as a point of discussion and make the same request. The Assembly may help find funding for the pilot program.

Commissioner Petersen moved to recommend that the Commission take the same request to the Assembly’s Committee on Homelessness.

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

Commissioner Petersen talked about helping the Mayor’s Office and Assembly come up with a measurable standard to increase earned income. The next thing is a pilot program to get involved in some agencies that are working with the Mayor’s effort and see if the Commission can make an effect to change that, and this pilot program is meant to do that. Commissioner Petersen asked if there was something else the Commission should be doing to make a difference in the amount of agencies or homeless systems increasing earned income. The measurement plan is to increase earned income among participants over a period of time.

It was agreed that the Commission attend the next Assembly’s Committee on Homelessness meeting. The Commission will let the Committee know that Nine Star’s pilot program was successful and that Commission would like them to incorporate the pilot program into the Anchorage Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness and the Coordinated Entry System. Commissioner Burrows suggested that the letter be amended to show not that the Commission is not asking for money but is asking the Assembly to help add this project to the homeless plan.

VII. New Business

A. Commissioner's interested in the status of the MOA's Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan - Nancy Anderson

The draft Consolidated Plan is being written. The community participation survey was completed in the fall of 2017 and the results will be included in the plan. Anderson reminded the Commissioners that they chose to not participate in the community participation survey. No timeline for when the draft plan will be published for public comment.

B. Commissioner's interested in the status of the MOA's National Housing and Trust Fund - Nancy Anderson

Co-Chair Waddoup talked about the money that will be available for a proposal that MOA CSD was asking for applications. The Commission should know about what organizations will be pursuing the funds and what kind of projects the applicants will be doing in which the Commission can advise the Mayor and/or Assembly. Co-Chair Waddoup added that this is something that the Commission used to do to approve MOA projects. Commissioner Petersen asked if the HHAND Commission could participate in the selection committee for awarding HUD funds to projects.

Nancy Anderson stated that MOA CSD sent out a notice of interest to see if there's interest in the community on developing extremely low-income rental housing with the \$545,000 National Housing Trust Funds. If there was an interest the MOA would go ahead and apply for these funds. The National Housing Trust Funds are awarded through Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) through HUD. AHFC will issue a contract to the MOA. The MOA received two letter of interest for these funds. MOA will amend the 2017 Action Plan and issue a 30 day public comment period to receive these funds. Once HUD approves the amended 2017 Action Plan, the MOA will publish a Request for Proposals to award these funds. The Commission will continue to have an opportunity to look at draft plans but will not have a role in determining which projects are funded as that is the Mayor's office decision.

Commissioner Petersen suggested that the MOA's Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan and National Housing Trust Fund be added to next month agenda.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Chair Lamkin will contact Covenant House and Commissioner Edwards will connect with the State foster care system for next month meeting.