



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND)
Advisory Commission
SUMMARY MINUTES - DRAFT
January 4, 2023



Call to Order

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission meeting reached a quorum and was initialized by Chair S J Klein at 4:03pm. The meeting was staffed by the Anchorage Health Department (AHD), Human Services Division (HSD), Community Safety and Development (CSD).

A. Roll Call & Introductions

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Presenters
SJ Klein, Chair Julie Coulombe, Vice Chair Kathy Henslee Stephanie Taylor Elsie Crossmon, Secretary Jim Crawford Josh Louwerse	Peggy Rotan Rosalina Mavaega	Kelda Barstad (DOR)
AHD CSD Staff	MOA AHD Staff	Guests
Valerie Madison, Senior Office Associate Kimberly Rash, Acting Director	Alexis Johnson	Ray Kreig, Public Celia MacCleod, ACEH Jessica Parks, RurAL CAP Hayden Nevill, HMS Elizabeth -House of Transformation Director Allison E Biastock (DOR) David Huff, Beacon, NJ Terrance Davis, Public

B. Approval of Order of Business – Chair entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented

MOTION: Elsie Crossmon
SECOND: Jim Crawford
VOTE: No Opposition

C. Approval of December 7, 2022, minutes - Chair entertained a motion to approve minutes

MOTION: Jim Crawford
SECOND: Stephanie Taylor
VOTE: Approved minutes with one correction under G. Commissioners Comments 4. Changed “this” to read “the same number of homeless.”

D. Old Business

1. Homelessness report required and noted in HHAND Sunset Report - Julie Coulombe

Chair entertained a motion to approve the 2022 HHAND Commission Sunset Report

MOTION: Jim Crawford
SECOND: Kathy Henslee
VOTE: No Opposition

2. Eric Boyer of Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority spoke about Behavioral Health Crisis Response – Reviewed their progress and expressed a need for partners to work with them in order to supply all the services. – **No additional discussion needed, can remove from agenda.**
3. Discuss the requested appropriation of \$200,000 to be spent by the Commission on a Housing Strategic Plan for Alaska – Jim Crawford – **Purpose is to create a strategic plan for housing in Alaska. SJ has sent a letter to Larry Baker of HFC requesting him to set up a meeting with the Mayor regarding our request.**

E. New Business

1. HHAND Sunset Report Progress- Julie Coulombe – **Approved under Old Business Above.**
2. Kelda Barstad (DOR) to speak regarding long term solutions for housing and homelessness. – **Presented benefits on permanent housing, and how they help partner in funding.**
3. Ric Davidge of the Alaska Roundtable to speak on elimination of Anchorage zoning. – **Postponed to next month.**

F. Public Comments –

1. Ray Kreig is a Civil Engineer and was interested in hearing Ric Davidge’s presentation. He considers the zoning extremely important, stating that it’s very expensive to bring substandard housing up to speed with our zoning and building code constraints.

G. Commissioners Comments

1. Julie Columbe –Asked ACEH representative to speak on their upcoming Housing Summit Meeting. Celia MacCleod explained the intention is just to reset a conversation in our community with our housing providers and our service providers to reorient and understand where housing first is now post Covid.
2. Dave Huff asked how can for-profit businesses get involved in helping and investing in the plans, policies, and revitalization of housing? Julie Columbe responded with suggestions of attending the Housing Committee and the Assemblies Committee and Housing and Homelessness Committee meetings. Also going online to aceh.org, the Anchorage Coalition which has a lot of information including grants.

3. Kathy Henslee acknowledged our appreciation for Julie Columbe’s dedication to this Commission and how she will be dearly missed. Congratulations to Julie in her new Alaska State Legislative role!
4. SJ Klein wanted to comment that the Sullivan is now at 360 capacity and had 46 in the warming area bringing the total to 406. He would not be surprised if they make another request for additional capacity soon. Funds have been authorized for the police but not distributed as yet in helping with the security around the Sullivan area.
5. Jim Crawford commented on the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority funding and where some of the Appropriations have been applied. He suggested that 40% of their funding should go to housing based on the report presented. Julie Columbe explained that they were created to keep Native kids from being sent out to institutions, which is why she was questioning what the trustees priorities are.

All agreed at 5:30pm to extend the meeting for additional 5 minutes in order to hear from Kimberly Rash, AHD Acting Director providing a brief update on some of the things that are happening in the health department though not all directly related to this Commission, such as the Opioid Task Force.

Before ending, the Commission set up a Work Session for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, from 3pm – 5pm, at AHD 825 L Street, Conference Room #423 to discuss and define as a group what we want to focus on for the next year.

Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting 5:38pm

MOTION: Stephanie Taylor
SECOND: Kathy Henslee
VOTE: Unanimous consent

Meeting adjourned at 5:38pm. The next HHAND Commission meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2023, from 4:00 – 5:30 pm., at 825 L Street, Conference Room #423, and through Microsoft Teams.