



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND)
Advisory Commission
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2022
Final Amended



Call to Order

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission meeting was initialized by S J Klein, Chair HHAND Commission at 4:17pm. 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 Chelsea Owens, Vice Chair Wadeen Hepworth Julie Coulombe Kathy Henslee	Josh Louwerse	Michael (Mike) Riley, MIH Coordinator AFD Brett Young – Rural CAP John Weddleton – Assembly Member District 6J
AHD CSD Staff	AHD HHS Staff	Guests
Kelly Isham, Community Systems Program Manager Jed Drolet, Senior Neighborhood Planner Valerie Madison, Senior Office Associate	Andrea Nester, Housing and Homeless Services Program Manager	Peter Taylor, Habitat for Humanity Anchorage Niki Burrows (former HHAND Commissioner - term was not renewed)

B. Approval of January 5, 2022, Agenda

<u>MOTION:</u> Former Commissioner Burrows (Administration did not renew term)
<u>SECOND:</u> Commissioner Henslee
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> Chair suggested Niki Burrow’s term was in the 120-grace period & count as extended
<u>VOTE:</u> Unanimous consent

C. Approval of December 1, 2021, Minutes

<u>MOTION:</u> Former Commissioner Burrows (Administration did not renew term)
<u>SECOND:</u> Commissioner Henslee
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> Chair suggested Niki Burrow’s term was in the 120-grace period & count as extended
<u>VOTE:</u> Unanimous consent

A. Old Business

None.

B. New Business

1. Michael (Mike) Riley, MIH Coordinator AFD Firefighter-Paramedic presented a detailed overview of the Mobil Crisis Team (MCT) and the Community Outreach, Referral and Education (CORE) Program
 - i. Q&A – Future funding secured for next year? Unknown.
 - ii. Q&A - Sufficient staffing in place to triage incoming calls? Currently, yes but calls are trending upward in numbers.
 - iii. Q&A – Describe the difference between this program and the program APD has implemented – This is a framework for non-criminal best practices to respond without law enforcement.
 - iv. Q&A – Is there something HHAND can do to help support your work – Mike expressed appreciation for the platform to get the information out about the programs.
2. Brett Young with RurALCAP provided a brief high-level overview of properties and items they are interested in having reviewed to see if they qualify for funding.
 - i. Q&A – Commission requested that RCAP send the commissioners a list of the projects they are looking at so that they can pass the information on to the public.
3. John Weddleton – Assembly Member South Seat 6J provided a high-level overview on the status of the Sullivan Arena Exit Strategy and encouraged the HHAND Commission to not hesitate to reach out to the Assembly with questions/concerns/updates.
 - i. Q&A – Didn't MOA purchase the Golden Lion hotel? What is happening there? Requirement from MLP transaction was that \$15 million must be allocated toward substance abuse recovery – the intent was for a long-term care facility. That building is now for sale. Current focus is on renovation of the Salvation Army Building.
 - ii. Q&A – Will some of that \$15 million be put towards the Salvation Army Building? – Yes – a portion will likely be used there.
 - iii. Chair reiterated the purpose of the HHAND Commission and suggested that it would be beneficial for the Assembly's Homeless Advisory Board to stay in touch with the commission to keep them informed and perhaps open the lines of communication in the form of letters.

C. Public Comments

None.

G. Reports

1. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Chelsea Owens and Wadeen Hepworth are continuing to work on the HHAND Commission informational flyer and will report back with progress updates at the next meeting.

2. Commissioner’s Comments

- a. Wadeen provided some informational announcements regarding the 3rd Avenue Radicals.
 - i. They have elected to submit comments regarding the highway to highway/Seward Glenn Mobility Project during the public comment period. She will send commission members a link to the sewardglennmobility.com for more information on the project.
 - ii. Planning to host a Solstice party again this year, June 18, 2022.
 - iii. She further commented on the hospital site-HOB & a \$15 million grant increase for the stickleback farm, however noted that funding may be lost due to missing paperwork.
 - iv. Proposed changing the monthly meetings from Wednesdays to Tuesdays due to Chair’s work schedule. Brief discussion took place – subject was tabled for commission meeting next month.

3. MOA Representative Reports

- a. CSD will send out correspondence to the commission highlighting pertinent dates for public comment periods and any Action Plan or Con Plan changes.

At 5:30pm - Chair made motion to extend meeting for five minutes past the normally scheduled end time

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<u>SECOND:</u> Commissioner Hepworth
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> None
<u>VOTE:</u> Unanimous consent

H. Adjourn – Chair motion to adjourn

<u>MOTION:</u> Former Commissioner Burrows (Administration did not renew term)
<u>SECOND:</u> Commissioner Hepworth
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> None
<u>VOTE:</u> Unanimous consent

Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm. The next HHAND Commission meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2022, from 4:00 – 5:30 pm., at 825 L Street, Conference Room 423, and through Microsoft Teams.