



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND)**  
**Advisory Commission**  
**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 6, 2020**  
**Final Approved**



**Call to Order**

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission was called to order at 4:11 pm using teleconference line (907) 343-6060.

The meeting was staffed by the Anchorage Health Department (AHD), Human Services Division (HSD), Community Safety and Development (CSD).

**I. Roll Call**

<b>Commissioners Present</b>	<b>Commissioners Absent</b>	<b>Guests</b>
<b>S J Klein, Chair</b> <b>John Kim</b> <b>Niki Burrows</b> <b>Giovanna Gambardella</b> <b>Noel Rea</b>  <u><b>AHD, CSD Staff</b></u> James Boehm, Senior Neighborhood Planner Janet Johnston, Community Systems Program Manager	Chelsea Owens, Vice Chair	

**II. Approval of May 6, 2020 HHAND Agenda**

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b> Commissioner Gambardella
<b><u>SECOND:</u></b> Commissioner Burrows
<b><u>DISCUSSION:</u></b> None
<b><u>VOTE:</u></b> Unanimous

**III. Approval of HHAND March 4, 2020 Minutes**

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b> Commissioner Klein
<b><u>SECOND:</u></b> Commissioner Burrows
<b><u>DISCUSSION:</u></b> None
<b><u>VOTE:</u></b> Unanimous

#### **IV. Conflict of Interest**

None

#### **V. Public Comments**

There were no Public Comments

#### **VI. Old Business**

No Old Business

#### **VII. New Business**

##### **A. Review of the Municipality of Anchorage's COVID-19 Housing Response**

- i. Both the Sullivan and Ben Boeke arenas have been turned into temporary housing.
- ii. The Dempsey arena utilized for COVID-19 quarantine/isolation.
- iii. Brother Francis Shelter – restricted to medically fragile or other more vulnerable clients.
- iv. Noted that shelters are still in Fairview, with a shift of some services from North Fairview to South Fairview.
- v. Janet commented that the arenas were chosen because they are owned by the Municipality and have sanitary facilities within them.
- vi. Increasing need for higher security/police presence around Sullivan/Ben Boeke complexes was noted.
- vii. Questions:
  1. How have calls for service moved with the relocation?
  2. Census location? April 1st is the index census date.

##### **B. Ideas for identifying new Commission members**

- i. One meeting left with John Kim. His absence will leave a large hole in the Commission.
- ii. Desperate need for additional Commissioners.
- iii. Call Nick again.
- iv. Mayor's office does not currently have any pending applications.
- v. Each Commissioner has a role assigned. What are the roles for vacant seats?
- vi. Loss of Doug and other past members, resulting in only one service provider; Chelsea Owens, Vice Chair.
- vii. More representation from Service Providers would be useful.
- viii. Representation from Public Service and/or first responders.
- ix. More perspective from Development Community
  1. Person(s) who have experienced homelessness.
- x. S J Klein will reach out to Doug and ask if he would like to re-join.
- xi. Reach out to agencies.
- xii. Someone from DOWL (Trina) may be interested.
- xiii. Community council outreach.
- xiv. Dan George may also be interested.
- xv. John – mentioned the knowledge of two recovered addicts from Covenant House that may be interested.
- xvi. Alan Kemplen may be a candidate for the Neighborhood Development side.
- xvii. Mark Butler may also be a good candidate.

- xviii. Brainstormed names that S J Klein will reach out to.
- xix. Shout out to John Kim. Leaving big shoes to fill. (He will be present for one more meeting.)
- xx. Forward names to S J Klein.
- xxi. Giovanna Gambardella will ask two people, a planner and a provider, first and then provide names.

C. Report to Assembly on third pillar of Anchored Home Plan

- i. S J Klein is drafting a report. Will finish over the next week and then have real deliberation.
- ii. Noted report is coming due June 1, but that sometime in June should work.

D. Alcohol tax – recommendations for Assembly Health Policy Committee

- i. S J Klein agrees it would be appropriate for HHAND Commission to make recommendations.
- ii. Report could help inform recommendations for the Commission.
- iii. Data report from ACEH is currently on hold due to COVID-19.
- iv. Suggestion to form a committee to work on alcohol tax recommendations. S J Klein offered to chair.
- v. Do committee meetings need public notice?
  - 1. Check on rules for public notice for committee meetings

**IX. Reports**

**A. Subcommittee Reports**

a. Project Subcommittee:

- i. Contact was made with Rose, Holly, and Jonathan. However, progress was stalled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ii. Rose – Communal Home project. Talked with Dick Mandsager. Exploring how to get funded. Specifically, how to get land on Elmore.
- iii. AK Generation Rehabilitation. Went to UAA and enlisted students to write-up business plan. Just submitted business plan to get 501C3 to get complete.
- iv. Have not asked HHAND for anything specific yet. Comfortable working side by side.
- v. Giovanna Gambardella is happy to be an active participant and take over leadership from John.
- vi. Nancy Burke is in the process of creating satellite tents for referrals. The model is set up similarly to the referral tents that are utilized at the Sullivan Arena. Reach out to Nancy and ask her to report out at the next meeting.

**B. Commissioners Comments**

- a. Burrows – Noted two 4-plexes with squatters. A police chase that resulted with a vehicle ending up in a yard.
- b. Noel – Call with MLB regarding Jamar’s Baseball Facility. Seeking clarity on likelihood of funding.

**C. MOA Representative’s Report**

- a. Substantial Amendments – 2018 and 2019.

- b. Public comment period is now closed.
  - i. One comment was received and added. AHD working on the paperwork to send to the Assembly (twice), then will submit to HUD.
- c. 2018 – \$108,960 to CHDO HFH Housing Project.
- d. 2019 – \$56,589 to CHDO HFH Housing Project. \$18,868 CHDO OEA HFH. \$85,768 CIHA Rental Housing Development. SASH.
- e. Proposing 2020 \$120,000 for SASH. HFH \$104, 553 CHDO Housing. \$36,000 CHDO HFH.
- f. Changing Brother Francis Shelter Security Fence from MOA to CSS.
- g. Adding National Housing Trust Fund to the 2019 Action Plan. This could not be added until agreement with AHFC was signed.
- h. S J Klein– Is senior specific housing allowed given that it has federal funding?
  - i. Janet Johnston will verify and report back.
- i. CARES Act funding
- j. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is not likely that the AHD building will be open for public meetings by the first week in June. Therefore, the plan will be to hold a teleconference or WebEX for the next scheduled meeting.

## **X. Adjourn**

Commissioner Burrows moved to adjourn. Commissioner Gambardella seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:57pm by Chair Klein.

Next meeting is Wednesday June 3, 2020 at Anchorage Health Department, 825 L Street Room 423 or by teleconference and/or WebEX from 4:00 – 5:30 pm.