



## Municipality of Anchorage

Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Commission

Order of Business

Agenda

Wednesday June 03, 2026

4:00 – 5:30 PM

825 L Street Conf. Room #423

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#### HHAND COMMISSION MEMBERS

David Rittenberg, Chair

Michelle Baker

Julie Greene-Graham

Daniel Sager

Jessica Parks, Vice Chair

D. Sheneé Williams

Laura Reijns

Dr. Marvin Johnson

#### The procedure by which the public may speak to the Commission at its meeting is:

1. After the staff presentation is completed on public hearing items, the Chair will ask for public testimony on the issue.
2. Persons who wish to testify will follow the time limits established in the Commission Rules of Procedure.
  - a. Representatives of groups (community councils, PTA's etc.) - 5 minutes.
  - b. Individuals – 3 minutes.
3. When your testimony is complete, the Commission may ask you questions. You may only testify once on any issue unless questioned by the Commission.

*NOTE: Persons planning to testify before the commission will be requested to identify themselves at the beginning of the hearing. Members of the public are asked to mute themselves except when they are testifying or answering questions from the Commission.*

## **HHAND COMMISSION PURPOSE**

Advise the mayor and the assembly on issues related to long-and short-term housing, homeless and community development needs in the municipality, and strategies to effect revitalization of lower- income and at-risk neighborhoods. The commission shall:

1. Review and make recommendations on the proposed allocation of all federal, state, and municipal revenues targeted for housing and community development programs managed by the municipality.

2. Identify and address long-and short-term housing issues in Anchorage, including strategies to stabilize and monitor the housing market, achieve a range of housing options for sale and for rent and cost effective and socially responsible strategies to preserve or increase the supply of affordable housing.

3. Advise the mayor and assembly as to policies, practices and legislation which affect housing and community development issues, neighborhood revitalization strategies, and progress related to plans and programs goals.

4. Advise the planning and zoning commission about relevant housing and community development issues and their connection with land use controls.

5. Participate in the development and implementation of the housing and community development consolidated plan by providing information and policy advice about municipality's housing and community development needs and priorities.

6. Advise the mayor and assembly as to the infrastructure, facilities, transportation, and public services needs of lower-income and at-risk neighborhoods.

7. Facilitate public participation in housing and neighborhood revitalization policies, plans, strategies, and programs.

8. Coordinate with the Anchorage Continuum of Care in the development and implementation of the Anchorage plan to address homelessness.

9. Advise the mayor, and assembly on issues related to homelessness.

10. Report to the mayor and assembly on the progress of the Anchorage plan to address homelessness. The report shall be presented on or before June 1 of each year and shall include recommendations for specific actions to implement the plan.

- A.** Roll call
- B.** Approval of Order of Business
- C.** Approval of Minutes
- D.** Disclosures
- E.** Action Items
  - 1. Ongoing Business
    - a. Officer Elections
    - b. Review and approve HHAND Core Values
  - 2. New Business
    - a. Summer Schedule
- F.** Informational Items
  - 1. Ongoing Business
    - a. Update from Community Safety and Development
    - b. Update from Housing and Homelessness
    - c. Update from the Mayor's Office
  - 2. New Business
    - a. Presentation from community member Ron Alleva
    - b. Presentation from Lucy Hansen, CEO of the Polynesian Association of Alaska
- G.** General Public Comments
- H.** Commissioner's Comments
- I.** Report

Adjournment - Next scheduled meeting is July 1, 2026.



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood**  
**Development (HHAND)**  
**Advisory Commission**  
**SUMMARY MINUTES**  
**May 06, 2026**



**Call to Order**

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission meeting reached a quorum and was opened by Chair David Rittenberg at 4:02 PM. The meeting was staffed by the Anchorage Health Department (AHD), Human Services Division (HSD), Community Safety and Development (CSD).

**A. Roll Call & Introductions (*virtual attendance italicized*):**

**Commissioners**

**Present:** Chair Dave Rittenberg, *Vice Chair Jessica Parks, Michelle Baker, Julie Greene-Graham, Daniel Sager, D. Sheneé Williams, Laura Reijns, Dr. Marvin Johnson*

**Absent:**

**MOA Staff**

**AHD:** *Darcie Montalvo, Human Services Division Manager; Jed Drolet, Community Systems Program Manager; Chase Burghgrave, CSD Lead Planner; Kyle Mielke, Community Development Specialist; Valerie Mahugh, Community Development Specialist; Frankie Dahl, Senior Office Associate; Leila Taylor, Housing Services Division Manager; Kimberly White, Housing & Homelessness Program Manager; Makenna Bacon, Homelessness/Behavioral Health Research Analyst*

**Other Departments:** Nora Morse, Communications Director; Lt. Brian Fuchs, Mobile Intervention Teams Unit Commander

**Guests or Presenters**

Allen Kemplen, Fairview Community Council; Nick Kraska, James Savage, and Josh Engle, True North Recovery; Eric Gurley, Access Alaska

**B. Approval of Order of Business – Chair Rittenberg entertained a motion to approve the agenda.**

<b>MOTION:</b> D. Sheneé Williams
<b>SECOND:</b> Dr. Marvin Johnson
<b>DISCUSSION:</b> Commissioners agreed to put off agenda items 2.a. Officer Elections and 2.b. Review and approve HHAND Core Values until the June Monthly Meeting
<b>VOTE:</b> No Opposition

**C. Approval of March 2026 Minutes**

<b>MOTION:</b> Julie Greene-Graham
<b>SECOND:</b> D. Sheneé Williams
<b>DISCUSSION:</b> None
<b>VOTE:</b> No Opposition

**D. Disclosures**

None

**E. Action Items**

1. Ongoing Business
2. New Business
  - a. **Officer Elections:** Postponed until the June Monthly Meeting
  - b. **Review and approve HHAND Core Values:** Postponed until the June Monthly Meeting
  - c. **Review and approve the 2026 HHAND Annual Report:**

<b>MOTION:</b> Dr. Marvin Johnson
<b>SECOND:</b> Laura Reijns
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>
<b>SUBSIDIARY MOTION to amend the report:</b> D. Sheneé Williams
<b>SECOND:</b> Dr. Marvin Johnson
<b>DISCUSSION:</b> Commissioners agreed to amend the fourth bullet under the Commission Purpose and Mandate section that reads “Partnering with the Continuum of Care (CoC) to address homelessness” to “Coordinate with the Anchorage Continuum of Care in the development and implementation of the Anchorage plan to address homelessness.”
<b>VOTE:</b> No Opposition
<b>VOTE:</b> No opposition

**F. Informational Items**

1. Ongoing Business
  - a. **Update from Housing and Homelessness:** Housing Services Division Manager Leila Taylor gave updates about Willow Commons being full as well as cold weather surge bed decompression being complete.
  - b. **Update from Community Safety and Development:** Community Systems Program Manager Jed Drolet gave updates about the supportive housing services RFGP being in negotiations, the 2025 CDBG Public Service transportation RFP opening soon, the Homelessness to Housing Voucher program, and the Housing Repair and Rehab program.
  - c. **Update from the Mayor’s Office:** None
2. New Business
  - a. **Community Safety and Development—2026 Draft Annual Action Plan Public Hearing:** Lead Neighborhood Planner Chase Burghgrave gave a presentation about the 2026 Action Plan that is due to HUD in August of this year.
  - b. **True North Recovery:** Representatives of True North Recovery, Nick Kraska, James Savage, and Josh Engle spoke of the project they are trying to stand up in Anchorage and the reasons they chose a building in Fairview. Eric Gurley from Access Alaska gave context about the building and the existing services within it. Allen Kemplen, a member of the Fairview Community Council, spoke to the concerns that the community has about adding another service provider to the neighborhood. CSD Program Manager Jed Drolet explained the timeline of the procurement and gave programmatic perspective.

<b>MOTION to extend the meeting until 6:00 PM:</b> Daniel Sager
<b>SECOND:</b> Julie Greene-Graham

<b>DISCUSSION:</b> None
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<b>VOTE:</b> No opposition
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**G. General Public Comments —**

1. Ron Alleva provided public comment
2. Karen Barnard provided public comment
3. Allen Kemplen provided public comment
4. Jamie Lopez provided public comment

**H. Commissioner Comments —**

1. Chair Rittenberg provided comment
2. D. Sheneé Williams provided comment

**I. Reports—**

None

**Chair David Rittenberg entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 PM**

<b>MOTION to adjourn the meeting:</b> Laura Reijns
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<b>SECOND:</b> Julie Greene-Graham
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<b>VOTE:</b> No Opposition
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Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM. The next regular HHAND Commission meeting is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, from 4:00 – 5:30 pm., at 825 L Street, Conference Room #423, and through Microsoft Teams.



POLYNESIAN ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA  
Mission: Empower and Educate individuals  
and families. Promote pride and acceptance  
of all cultures and Instill the best values they  
represent.

# WHO ARE PACIFIC ISLANDERS?

**Polynesia:** Hawaii, Samoa, Tonga, Tokelau, Cook islands, French Polynesian, Tuvalu, New Zealand in the west, Tahiti, Niue, Eastern island east, Rotuma Island, Pitcairn Island, Nokuoro, Kapingamarangi

**Micronesia:** Marshall Islands, Federation State of Micronesia, Northern Mariana Island island, Guam, Kiribati, Palau, Nauru, Mariana islands, Caroline Islands.

**Melanesia:** Australia east, New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu,(New Hebrides) New Caledonia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Part of Indonesia, South easter Asian islands,



# OUR VISION

That our Pacific Island Community in Alaska are supported for Education, Employment, Health and Cultural Enrichment. Estimate: 30,000

## EDUCATION

Samoan Language: 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest language speaks in ASD Public School

PAOA start Pacific Island Education Scholarship Program 2021-Current (18 students) \$21,600.00

Annual Multicultural Student Education Summit 2023-Current

Senior Planet Project Community Churches 2022-current

Employment Community Pathway Resources 2021-current

Partnership with AK Leatracy Project (ALP) Peer Leader Navigator

## EMPLOYMENT

With in Partnership with:

Department of Labor: WIOA Youth Program

Community Manai Fou Hall: Assist dropped out youth, ESL individual complete job applications, on line access for job search, work on resume, interview assistance, and sometime provide Transportation to interview

ACLT: Work Shop Opportunities for the community

## HEALTH

PAOA partner with the City and State Health department and Epidemiology: Bring vaccine to the community; 1<sup>st</sup> Community Covid Clinic-- and vaccinate 50% and more

Providence and Cancer national society to educate our community about Cancer and other health issues since 2020: 4000 educated Alaska, Seattle, Utah, California, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand and Samoa.

Host Annual Multicultural Health Awareness Fair for 11 years In parternship with Anchorage Leatracy Project

Host Color Blue (Awareness for child abuse & neglect) partnership with ACT.

Color Your Mind: Awareness for children mental disability.

## CULTURAL

21 years since the 1<sup>st</sup> Polynesian

Culture Flag Day in Anchorage now is AAPI-- close to 32,000 individual we have shared and taught about our history and culture. 2006 – on (ASD)—Provide Awareness

about our history, culture, arts and crafts) 2024— PAOA host their 1<sup>st</sup> Miss AK Pacific Island Pageant in Anchorage. Crowned their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss, getting ready to host their 3<sup>rd</sup> Pageant in October

Community Multicultural: Host culture events, native language,

# WHAT WE DO IN THE COMMUNITY YEARLY

## JANUARY

- .Free Multicultural Health Awareness Fair
- .Community Education on Health,
- .Nutrition meal
- .Funding,
- .Budget
- .Diebetes

## JULY

- .July 4<sup>th</sup>, Pancake breakfast & Parade

## FEBRUARY

- .Fundraising ideas and events, to support programs.
- .Organization meetings

## SEPTEMBER

- .Fundraising ideas and event to support programs.
- .Community meeting

## MARCH

- .Fundraising ideas and events to support programs.
- .Awareness for Community Public Safety & Homelessness

## OCTOBER

- .Miss Alaska Pacific Island Pageant
- .Multicultural Education Youth Summit

## APRIL

- .Color Blue (awareness for child abuse and neglect
- .Peer support for mental health in the community

## November

- .Fundraising ideas and event to support programs.
- .Organization meeting

## MAY

- .AANHPI Heritage Month Flag Day Event,
- .Organization meeting

## DECEMBER

- .Pacific Island Gala-Honor and celebrate PI community volunteer services.
- .Scholarship awards given

## JUNE

- .Color Your Mind (Awareness for children and youth with mental disability)
- .Peer support for family Homelessness and awareness

### **Monthly Community Assistance:**

Every Saturday: Pasefika voice of alaska radio program. KNBA 90.3 fm, Rental & Utility Assistance Application, (Since 2022 to current we have kept 45 families from being on the street. Families from 2 members to 12 members in af house hold, fo an estimate total of 390 individuals from being homeless. Depending on the funds we have available, we can only help 2 applications and refer most to other organization that have services. We provide volunteer services in the community.

# STATISTICS AND REPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

## Homelessness & Awareness Project

- 2021 to Current---390 Individuals (42 families) from 2 members to 10 members in a household
- Rentals---25 families
- Electricity & Gas---16 families
- 420 families educated about their rights to housing how to find rental

## Community & Employment

- 2010 to current---360 educated on employment resources
- 125 received interviews and follow up
- 89 received employment
- 25 still working at the same
- 64 moved on to new jobs

## Health Community Education

- 4,000 + community members, In Alaska State and all over the United State: Seattle, Utah, Vegas, California, Hawaii, Samoa, New Zealand, Australia
- 2,750+ Alaska community members through Annual multicultural Health Fair in the month of January
- 321 + students age 5-18, 50+ parents through Color Blue Awareness for child abuse & neglect project
- 450+ students age 5-18 and 15 parents through Awareness for Mental and Disability Color Your Mind project.

## Pacific Island Community Connection

- ASD connection---2000+ students through elementary-high school.
- Quarterly community connection---1200+
- Culture awareness events --- 15,750 multicultural individuals

## PAOA Scholarships and Awards

- 2021 to current ---16 students received education scholarships TOTAL OF \$19,200
- 2018 to current---202 PI community awarded for volunteer community services
- in anchorage

## COMMUNITY NATIVE LANGUAGE & CULTURE EDUCATION (Elementary & Middle School)



# YOUTH MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION SUMMIT

(Educating our students to continue Education keep them out of the street)

2026

October 22-24  
In partnership with  
Keys to Life and  
Alaska Youth Court.

**Topics:**

**Health & Wellness:**

Financial literacy,  
homeless  
awareness, healthy  
relationship, social  
media etiquette

**Workforce & Lifeskills,**

Professionalism,  
communication,  
conflict resolution, etc.

**Youth Leadership**

**Prevention:** addiction,  
suicide, mental health  
and relationship



2025



2024



# PAOA CULTURE COLLABORATION WITH ASD

(Elementary, Middle School & High School, from Arts, Culture, Language, Alcohol & Drugs prevention)



## PACIFIC ISLAND COMMUNITY CONNECTION (EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH RESOURCES)



1<sup>st</sup> Community Connection October 21, every quarter we bring resources and leaders from different places in the City, State, businesses, Family services, Housing, Law and more to help educate our community.

# PACIFIC ISLAND AND HEALTH EDUCATION

(Provide free health resources and services for health, education, employment, nutrition food, doctors, affordable home, keep good health, and how to help and keep families from losing their homes and more.)







## DIVERSITY HEALTH FAIR

Free health services and connections





 **NEW LOCATION!**  
**Dimond Mall**  
800 E Dimond Blvd  
Anchorage AK 99515  
(by the ice rink)

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 24  
12PM - 4PM**

Want to table at this event? Contact us:  

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NYABONY GAT | ngat@alaskaliteracyprogram.org | (907) 743 - 0213



# PAOA COLOR BLUE AWARENESS FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

## 2024 & 2025



## 2026



**COMMUNITY FORUM**

DEVELOPING HEALTHY & PRODUCTIVE PARENTING SKILLS, OPEN SPACE FOR SAFE CONVERSATIONS, Raising Awareness on Child Abuse Prevention

points of view  
Parenting support as  
physical, &  
intellectually  
right for you

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 WEDNESDAY @ 6:00PM  
• 2600 E. 16TH AVENUE •

FORUM DISCUSSIONS

- HEALTHY PARENTING
- RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN
- CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS
- PARENTAL SUPPORT
- COPIING WITH STRESS
- POSITIVE PARENTING
- COMMUNITY
- BUILDING RELATIONSHIP

# PAOA COMMUNITY AWARENESS FOR MENTAL DISABILITY (COLOR YOUR MIND)



# PAOA COMMUNITY & HEALTH EDUCATION



PI Community  
Covid-19  
Vaccine Site  
11/2/2021



One of Covid-19  
Vaccine Community  
Education &  
Counseling Session



Community preparedness Covid-19 supply kits provided by Polynesian Association of Alaska for the community to prevent from Covid-19 (couldn't use grant money has not received yet).



Polynesian Association of Alaska Presents

## US CITIZENSHIP NATURALIZATION 101 SESSION

Q&A SESSION  
WITH STAFF FROM USCIS  
ANCHORAGE FIELD OFFICE


**MONDAY  
MARCH 11, 2024  
6:00-7:15PM**

MANAI FOU HALL  
2600 E.16TH  
ANCHORAGE, AK

FOR MORE INFO



# EMPLOYMENT & HOMELESSNESS



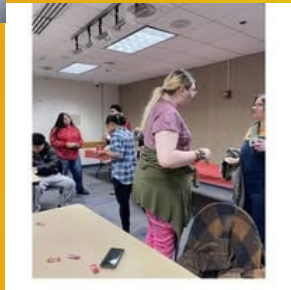
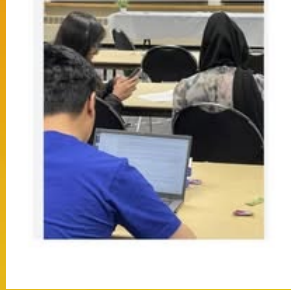
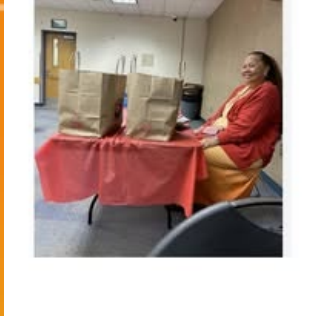
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# AAPI HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION (INSPIRATIONAL EVENING)



# COMMUNITY CELEBRATE AAPI HERITAGE (CULTURE FLAG DAY)



## PACIFIC ISLAND AT JULY 4TH CELEBRATION



# PACIFIC ISLAND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE & SCHOLARSHIP AWARD GALA



# PASEFIKA VOICE OF ALASKA (KNBA 90.3 FM)



# OUR WORKING COMMUNITY IN PARTNERSHIPS



## PAOA COLLABORATE WITH THE MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY

Keys To Life  
AK. Literacy Project  
Anch. Senior Center  
Anch. Downtown Partnership  
ASD  
Asian Center  
ACT  
Leadership Anchorage  
Anchorage Health Dept.  
Dept. of Labor (Apprenticeship)  
Athena  
Alaska Champers of Commerce  
Anchorage Parks & Recreation  
Healthy Alaskans  
City Derby  
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AK. Jr. Achievement  
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**PAOA provide volunteer services to our Pacific Island  
Community and the Diverse Community of Alaska**

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