



Municipality of Anchorage

Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Commission

Order of Business

Agenda

Wednesday August 5, 2026

4:00 – 5:30 PM

825 L Street Conf. Room #423

Microsoft Teams meeting

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HHAND COMMISSION MEMBERS

David Rittenberg, Chair

Michelle Baker

Julie Greene-Graham

Daniel Sager

Jessica Parks

D. Sheneé Williams

Laura Reijns, Vice Chair

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
2. New Business

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. APD's HOPE (Homeless Outreach, Prevention, and Engagement) Team Presentation
 - b. Presentation from community member Ron Alleva

G. General Public Comments

H. Commissioner's Comments

I. Report

Adjournment - Next scheduled meeting is September 2, 2026.



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood
Development (HHAND)
Advisory Commission
SUMMARY MINUTES
June 03, 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 4:05 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, Michelle Baker, *Julie Greene-Graham*, D. Sheneé Williams, Laura Reijns, Dr. Marvin Johnson

Absent: Vice Chair Jessica Parks, Daniel Sager

MOA Staff

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

Other Departments: Thea Agnew Bembien, Special Assistant to the Mayor

Guests or Presenters

Lucy Hansen, Polynesian Association of Alaska

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

<u>MOTION:</u> D. Sheneé Williams
<u>SECOND:</u> Michelle Baker
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> Commissioners agreed to postpone agenda item E.1.b <i>Review and approve HHAND Core Values</i> until the August Monthly Meeting
<u>VOTE:</u> No Opposition

C. Approval of March 2026 Minutes

<u>MOTION:</u> Dr. Marvin Johnson
<u>SECOND:</u> Laura Reijns
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> None
<u>VOTE:</u> No Opposition

D. Disclosures

None

E. Action Items

1. Ongoing Business

a. Officer Elections:

Election of the Chair

Staffer Frankie Dahl opened the floor for nominations: Michelle Baker nominated David Rittenberg, and David Rittenberg accepted the nomination. No other nominations.
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VOTE: No opposition

David Rittenberg has been elected the HHAND Commission Chair once more.

Election of the Vice Chair

Staffer Frankie Dahl opened the floor for nominations: D. Sheneé Williams nominated Dr. Marvin Johnson, and Dr. Marvin Johnson did not accept the nomination. David Rittenberg nominated Laura Reijns, and Laura Reijns accepted the nomination. No other nominations.

VOTE: No opposition

Laura Reijns has been elected the new HHAND Commission Vice Chair.

b. Review and approve HHAND Core Values: Postponed until the August meeting.

2. New Business

a. Summer Schedule:

MOTION to amend the location and general content of the July meeting to a tour of the Shiloh Community Housing Community Resource Center: D. Sheneé Williams

SECOND: Laura Reijns

DISCUSSION: Address of the site is 3127 Commercial Drive. Scheduled from 4PM-5:30PM
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VOTE: No opposition

F. Informational Items

1. Ongoing Business

- a. **Update from Community Safety and Development:** Community Systems Program Manager Jed Drolet gave updates about the posted intent to award for the Supportive Housing RFGP that closed in May. The protest period for the intent to award ends 6/5/2026.
- b. **Update from Housing and Homelessness:** Housing Services Division Manager Leila Taylor gave updates about servicing the porta potties at Beans Café that were donated by Kenny Peterson.
- c. **Update from the Mayor's Office:** Special Assistant to the Mayor Thea Agnew Bemben gave updates about presentations at the Assembly Housing and Homelessness Committee and the Assembly Public Health and Safety Committee. She also gave updates about the Southcentral Foundation and Providence Crisis Stabilization centers.

2. New Business

- a. **Presentation from Lucy Hansen, CEO of the Polynesian Association of Alaska (PAOA):** Lucy Hansen spoke about the history of the organization, the community events that PAOA puts on, and the services that they offer to the community.

G. General Public Comments —

1. Jamie Lopez provided public comment

H. Commissioner Comments —

None

I. Reports—

None

Chair David Rittenberg entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 PM

<u>MOTION to adjourn the meeting:</u> Dr. Marvin Johnson
<u>SECOND:</u> Michelle Baker
<u>VOTE:</u> No Opposition

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM. The next HHAND Commission meeting is scheduled for July 1st, 2026, from 4:00 – 5:30 pm., at the Shiloh Community Housing Community Resource Center, 3127 Commercial Dr., Anchorage AK 99503.



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July 01, 2026



Call to Order

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission meeting reached a quorum but there was no Chair or Vice Chair present, so according to commission rules and procedures the meeting was officially cancelled after 10 minutes. The tour of the Shiloh Community Resource Center still occurred, but no formal action was taken, nor any other informational items expanded on.

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Absent: Chair Dave Rittenberg, Vice Chair Laura Reijns

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AHD: Jed Drolet, CSD Program Manager; Chase Burghgrave, CSD Lead Planner; Valerie Mahugh, Community Development Specialist; Frankie Dahl, Outreach Coordinator

Other Departments:

Guests or Presenters

Elizabeth Matthews, Covenant House; Donovan Bailey, Covenant House; Sara Jean Greenberg, Covenant House

F. Informational Items

2. New Business

- a. **Shiloh Community Housing—Community Resource Center Tour:** Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Johnson provided a tour of the community resource center, speaking to the history of the project and what they expect to achieve with the space. They also spoke about other programming that Shiloh Community Housing provides.

Due to the fact that there was no official meeting, no adjournment took place. The next HHAND Commission meeting is scheduled for August 5th, 2026, from 4:00 – 5:30 pm., at 825 L Street, Conference Room #423, and through Microsoft Teams.

Health

- Primary care
- Dental clinics
- Vision screening
- Medication management
- Nutrition
- Exercise
- Walking trails
- Tai Chi
- Meditation

Community Standards

Everyone agrees to:

- Respect others
- No violence
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- Keep living area clean
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Income Sources

- Recycling revenue
- Estate liquidation
- Auction services
- Donation center
- Grants
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- Corporate sponsors
- Foundations
- Volunteer labor
- Church partnerships

Community Partners

- Catholic Charities
- Beans Café
- Churches
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Long-Term Goal

Residents move through stages:

1. Street outreach
2. Safe shelter
3. Stabilization
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BINDLE STICK PARK

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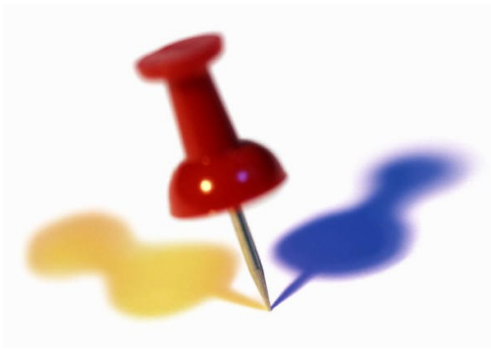


Ron Alleva

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Motto: *Hope Floats.*

One tiny step becomes one giant leap.



Core Principles

- Safety first
- Dignity with accountability
- Work creates purpose
- Earn rather than receive
- Community instead of isolation
- Compassion with responsibility
- Trust—but verify
- Progress one block at a time

Education

- GED assistance
- Financial literacy
- Budgeting
- Computer skills
- Driver's license assistance
- Job interviewing
- Resume writing
- Trade apprenticeships

Entry & Welcome Center

- Registration
- Security
- Case management
- Mail service
- Identification assistance

Temporary Housing Village

- Arctic tents
- Tiny cabins
- RV spaces
- Individual sleeping pods
- Couples area
- Veterans area
- Women's protected section

Essential Services

- Showers
- Laundry
- Restrooms
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- Chapel and meditation room
- Library
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Employment & Job Training

Residents earn opportunities by contributing.

Possible work programs:

- Recycling center
- Copper wire stripping
- Aluminum recycling
- Plastic recycling
- Scrap sorting
- Wood shop
- Furniture repair
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- Small engine repair
- Community garden
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- Firewood processing
- Sawmill
- Landscaping
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Community Store

- Clothing
- Furniture
- Household goods
- Building materials
- Books
- Tools
- Bicycles

Residents receive credits or vouchers earned through work.

Animal Care

- Dog kennel
- Pet daycare
- Veterinary partnerships
- Service animal assistance

Vision Statement

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