



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND)**  
**Advisory Commission**  
**SUMMARY MINUTES - DRAFT**  
**September 6, 2023**



**Call to Order**

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission meeting reached a quorum and was opened by Chair SJ Klein at 4:25pm. 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 Elsie Crossmon, Secretary Stephanie Taylor Peggy Rotan Rosalina Mavaega	Kathy Henslee, Public Relations Joseph Hemphill Lee Stephan	
AHD CSD Staff	MOA AHD Staff	Guests
Valerie Madison, Senior Office Associate	Jed Drolet Vanessa David	Terria Ware ACEH

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

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b> SJ Klein
<b><u>SECOND:</u></b> Peggie Rotan
<b><u>VOTE:</u></b> No Opposition

**C. Approval of April 5, 2023, minutes –Chair entertained a motion to approve minutes.**

<b><u>MOTION:</u></b> Peggy Rotan
<b><u>SECOND:</u></b> Elsie Crossmon
<b><u>VOTE:</u></b> No Opposition

#### D. Old Business

1. Develop a Strategic Plan for Housing Commission: **Tabled**
  - a. Mission Statement – “To Increase Housing Stock in Anchorage.”
  - b. Define goals and objectives –
    1. Identify needs. – Affordable, permanent housing. How many and how much?
    2. Identify barriers to meeting those needs. – Accurate number of those in need. Funding availability held up by various regulations that prevent access to already established organizations. **Need to encourage new building permits.**
    3. Make recommendations.
    4. Identify funding services.
    5. Identify those capable of helping to solve problems.

#### E. New Business

1. Results of September 2, 2023, Retreat to decide which agenda we want to focus on:
  - a. Julie Agenda - How can we as a body contribute to the current homelessness crisis.
  - b. Jim Agenda - Developing a strategic plan for housing.
  - c. **Consensus was the Julie-Agenda, but will give input on Jim-Agenda.**
2. Introduce new MOA Senior Neighborhood Planner, Vanessa David.
3. Vote on new Vice Chair – Joe Hemphill nominated as new Vice Chair.  
Chair entertained motion to vote for Joe Hemphill as Vice Chair

<b>MOTION:</b> Elsie Crossmon
<b>SECOND:</b> Peggy Rotan
<b>VOTE:</b> Unanimous consent

**F. Public Comments** – Terria Ware in agreement with our discussion and plan for choosing one agenda. Lack of housing is a need. Looking forward to what we decide to do.

**G. Commissioners Comments** – None

**H. Reports** – None

**Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting 5:15pm**

<b>MOTION:</b> Elsie Crossmon
<b>SECOND:</b> Peggy Rotan
<b>VOTE:</b> Unanimous consent

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm. The next HHAND Commission meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2023, from 4:00 – 5:30 pm., at 825 L Street, Conference Room #423, and through Microsoft Teams.