



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood**  
**Development (HHAND)**  
**Advisory Commission**  
**SUMMARY MINUTES**  
**March 04, 2026**



**Call to Order**

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission meeting reached a quorum and was opened by Vice Chair Jessica Parks 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:** Vice Chair Jessica Parks, *Michelle Baker*, Julie Greene-Graham, Daniel Sager, D. Sheneé Williams, Laura Reijns, Dr. Marvin Johnson

**Absent:** Chair Dave Rittenberg

**MOA Staff**

**AHD:** Darcie Montalvo, Human Services Division Manager; Jed Drolet, CSD Program Manager; Chase Burghgrave, CSD Lead Planner; Kyle Mielke, Community Development Specialist; Frankie Dahl, Senior Office Associate; *Leila Taylor*, Housing Services Division Manager; *Kimberly White*, Housing & Homelessness Program Manager

**Other Departments:** *Thea Agnew Bemben*, Special Assistant to the Mayor

**Guests or Presenters**

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

<b>MOTION:</b> Laura Reijns
<b>SECOND:</b> D. Sheneé Williams
<b>DISCUSSION:</b> None
<b>VOTE:</b> No Opposition

**C. Approval of January 2026 Minutes and February 2026 Informational Session Notes**

<b>MOTION:</b> Julie Greene-Graham
<b>SECOND:</b> Laura Reijns
<b>DISCUSSION:</b> None
<b>VOTE:</b> No Opposition

**D. Disclosures**

None

**E. Action Items**

**1. Review and approve a resolution in regard to sanctioned camping 2026:**

<b>MOTION:</b> Laura Reijns
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<b>SECOND:</b> D. Sheneé Williams
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>
<b>SUBSIDIARY MOTION to amend the resolution:</b> D. Sheneé Williams
<b>SECOND:</b> Dr. Marvin Johnson
<b>DISCUSSION:</b> The commission added a final whereas clause, stating: “WHEREAS, the HHAND Commission recognizes that sanctioned camping is not a permanent solution to address homelessness.”
<b>VOTE:</b> No Opposition
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice Chair Jessica Parks: Yes</li> <li>• Commissioner Baker: Yes</li> <li>• Commissioner Greene-Graham: No</li> <li>• Commissioner Sager: Yes</li> <li>• Commissioner Williams: Yes</li> <li>• Commissioner Reijns: Yes</li> <li>• Commissioner Johnson: Yes</li> </ul>

**F. Informational Items**

1. Ongoing Business

- a. **Update from Housing and Homelessness:** Housing Services Division Manager Leila Taylor gave updates about the Microunits Program (Willow Commons), as well as cold weather surge beds at both the Linda’s Place and E 56<sup>th</sup> shelters.
- b. **Update from Community Safety and Development:** Program Manager Jed Drolet gave updates about a supportive housing services RFGP opening soon, the AHFC voucher program, and the public hearing for the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and the 2026 Action plan on 3/18/2026.

<b>MOTION to amend the order of business, moving agenda item 1.d before item 1.c:</b> Dr. Marvin Johnson
<b>SECOND:</b> Daniel Sager
<b>DISCUSSION:</b> None
<b>VOTE:</b> No Opposition

- c. **Update from the Mayor’s Office:** Thea Agnew Bemben gave updates about the Anchorage Safety Center, efforts to support Typhoon Halong evacuees, a shelter book drive, and evaluating the feasibility of permanent residences using construction methods similar to those used for the Microunits project.

<b>MOTION to extend the meeting until 5:45 PM:</b> Dr. Marvin Johnson
<b>SECOND:</b> Daniel Sager
<b>DISCUSSION:</b> None
<b>VOTE:</b> No Opposition

- d. **Public Hearing for CSD’s Housing Repair and Rehabilitation Program:** Program Manager Jed Drolet presented on CSD’s upcoming Housing Repair and Rehabilitation Program. The program is currently in the appropriations stage, and they are looking for direct feedback from the community to shape the program.
  - 1. Sam Longacre provided public comment
  - 2. Jamie Lopez provided public comment
  - 3. Loren Wilson provided public comment

**G. General Public Comments —**

None

**H. Commissioner Comments —**

- 1. Vice Chair Parks provided comment.

**I. Reports—**

None

**Vice Chair Parks entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 PM**

<b>MOTION to adjourn the meeting:</b> Dr. Marvin Johnson
<b>SECOND:</b> Julie Greene-Graham
<b>VOTE:</b> No Opposition

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM. The next HHAND Commission meeting is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, from 4:00 – 5:30 pm., at 825 L Street, Conference Room #423, and through Microsoft Teams.