



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND)
Advisory Commission
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2021
Final Approved



Call to Order

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission meeting was initialized at 4:05 p.m. using via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was staffed by the Anchorage Health Department (AHD), Human Services Division (HSD), Community Safety and Development (CSD).

I. Roll Call & Introductions

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Guests
SJ Klein, Chair Chelsea Owens, Vice Chair Niki Burrows Giovanna Gambardella Wadeen Hepworth Noel Rea <u>AHD, CSD Staff</u> Nicole Lebo, Human Services Division Manager Karen Bell, Program Manager Andrea Nester, Program Manager Valerie Madison, Senior Office Associate	Josh Louwerse (E)	Peter Taylor, Habitat for Humanity

II. Approval of May 5, 2021 HHAND Agenda

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Owens
<u>SECOND:</u> Commissioner Gambardella
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> None
<u>VOTE:</u> Motion to approve Agenda carried

III. Approval of April 7, 2021 HHAND Minutes – spelling correction for Gabriella’s name.

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Owens
<u>SECOND:</u> Commissioner Hepworth
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> Correction made to a misspelling of Giovanna’s name.
<u>VOTE:</u> Motion to approve Minutes carried as amended.

IV. Conflict of Interest & Annual Disclosure of Present Economic Interest

None.

V. Purpose Statement

Floor opened for discussion regarding 2021 HHAND Commission goals. Subject carried further to Old Business.

VI. Public Comments

None.

VII. Old Business

A. HHAND Commission 2021 focus and goals – discussion continued.

- a.** For the last two years the Commission has been focused exclusively on homelessness. It has been suggested that they explore different ways in which the Commission might support some of the other ideas in relationship to housing.
 - i.** Affordable housing and increased housing stock.
- b.** Chelsea Owens commented that she works for (CIHA) Cook Inlet Housing Authority, specifically related to the development & construction side of projects. She offered to reach out to her group for informational purposes should topics of interest arise within the Commission on those areas.
- c.** Giovanna Gambardella commented that in the past, the Commission had discussed having more of a connection to the planning and zoning changes as they related to neighborhood development and street parking spaces.
- d.** Wadeen Hepworth expressed a concern about the proposed planning changes creating possible problems for snow removal, hindrances for service delivery trucks, and adequate turn-around areas. Further discussion took place about the reasons for the outset zone changes not extending citywide, rather than just Spenard and downtown areas.
- e.** SJ Klein provided a brief history of some of the documented reasoning behind the areas of suggested zone changes.
- f.** Giovanna offered to gather up some of the comments and ideas set forth by the Commission and send it out to Commission members. The Commission can then work from that draft in the development of a resolution regarding the proposed planning and zoning changes.

VIII. New Business

B. None.

IX. Reports

C. Subcommittee Reports

None.

D. Commissioner's Comments

None.

E. MOA Representative Report

- a. Karen Bell provided an update on the status of the 2020 Action Plan – it went to the Assembly March 31st, 2021.

X. Adjourn

- b. Commissioner Owens made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gambardella seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:33p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2021 at 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.