



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND)
Advisory Commission
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2021
Final Approved



Call to Order

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission meeting was initialized at 4:07 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 Josh Louwerse <u>AHD, CSD Staff</u> Karen Bell, Program Manager Nicole Lebo, Division Manager Valerie Madison, Senior Office Associate		Kimberly Miller, Nine Star Ruth Schoenleben, Nine Star Kimberly Miller, Nine Star Peter Taylor, Habitat for Humanity Dave Morgan, Alaska Round Table

Vice Chair opened the meeting, as Chair had previously communicated that he would be delayed in attending the meeting start. Meeting attained a quorum with members present.

II. Approval of June 2, 2021, HHAND Agenda

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Rea
<u>SECOND:</u> Commissioner Burrows
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> No amendments or opposition
<u>VOTE:</u> Motion to approve Agenda carried

III. Approval of May 5, 2021, HHAND Minutes

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Burrows
<u>SECOND:</u> Commissioner Rea
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> No amendments or opposition
<u>VOTE:</u> Motion to approve Minutes carried

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

None.

V. Purpose Statement

Vice Chair made a recommendation to pass on discussion of this section, due to the scheduled presentation and public hearing regarding the 2021 Action Plan. She further noted that the Chair would have the opportunity to revisit the subject if necessary; when he joins the meeting.

VI. Public Comments

A brief discussion took place regarding the regularly scheduled “public comments” period for attendees versus the public hearing comment section scheduled to take place later in the meeting, following the presentation of the proposed 2021 Action Plan. Karen Bell provided further clarification to attendees about the regularly allotted “public comments” period section on the agenda verses the scheduled “public hearing” comment period allotted for the 2021 Action Plan.

The floor was then opened for Karen to continue with the scheduled presentation of the proposed 2021 Action Plan. The presentation materials are posted on the CSD webpage for public review. Upon completing the presentation, Karen then opened the floor for the advertised public hearing comment period.

Chelsea asked about the American Rescue Plan monies being something new. Karen confirmed that they are waiting for more information guidelines from HUD regarding how that funding can be utilized. Once that information is received, it will be relayed to the HHAND Commission, posted to the CSD website, and routed via email to email to CSD contacts on file.

Chair asked if there was anyone from the public that wanted to make public comments on the 2021 Action Plan as part of the advertised public hearing.

“Hi this is Ruth, Ruth Schoenleben from Nine Star and I just wanted to say that we're glad to be part of this process we believe that prevention of preventing homelessness actually saves millions and millions of dollars for government in the long run and in the short run so I just wanna just say that we're in it we're excited about it and we really foresee the opportunity Kim who you met earlier is our new director and we are combining all of our education and our work readiness and our job development kind of activities together not only to prevent homeless must but to put people on a path of long term financial self-sufficiency and so we expect to work with clients helps him get a job gets more training get another job gets more training etc. and keep them on a career path to success [plat] path so that they can continue to become financially secure”

VII. Old Business

CSD provided an update on the status of the HHAND Commission resolution 2021-02 containing comments in response to the planning department's proposed changes to Title 21 for residential mixed-use parking. Document is currently in DocuSign, being routed to Chair, AHD staff and the Planning Department.

CSD provided information regarding the Survey AHD received in the mail from Martha Kovac, Survey Director requesting HHAND Commission input. The survey had been routed to Chair for review. Commission requested to view the survey; administration agreed to forward it on to all commission members.

VIII. New Business

IX. Reports

A. Subcommittee Reports

None.

B. Commissioner's Comments

Vice Chair notified commission of a planned absence for the July 7, HHAND Commission meeting.

C. MOA Representative Report

Nicole Lebo, Human Services Division Manager, communicated that the previous evening there was a town hall for shelter licensing and another one planned for June 3, 2021. As well it will most likely be brought up again at the assembly meeting at the June 8, 2021 or alternatively on June 22, 2021. If anyone is interested in providing comment, now is the opportunity. There have been changes made to the documents since the commission last viewed them. **Nicole communicated that she would get the updated copies to Valerie Madison for distribution to the commission members.**

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:53p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2021 at 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.