



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND)
Advisory Commission
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2021
Final Approved



Call to Order

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission meeting was initialized by the Chair at 4:00p.m. using via Microsoft Teams and the utilization of AHD Building 825 L Street Conference Room #423. 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 Wadeen Hepworth Noel Rea Niki Burrows Josh Louwerse <u>AHD, CSD Staff</u> Dave Morgan, AHD Director Valerie Madison, Senior Office Associate	Giovanna Gambardella	

II. Approval of August 4, 2021 Agenda

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Rea
<u>SECOND:</u> Commissioner Owens
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> None
<u>VOTE:</u> Motion carried.

III. Approval of June 2, 2021 Draft Minutes

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Hepworth
<u>SECOND:</u> Commissioner Rea
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> July meeting - no quorum
<u>VOTE:</u> Motion carried.

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

- Chair requested removing these two topics from future agenda items – noted for record.

V. Purpose Statement

- A brief general discussion took place regarding outlined goals of intertwining focus on neighborhood development, affordable housing, and overall solutions to homelessness.

VI. Public Comments

- None

VII. Old Business

- Continued recruitment for vacant HHAND Commission Seats
 - Wadeen Hepworth mentioned that Rob Cupples had expressed an interest in applying for a commission seat, along with (4) other people she had reached out to through email correspondence.
 - Dave Morgan, AHD Director stated he was aware of (2) individuals who had expressed interest in applying for commission seats as well.
 - Discussion took place regarding a need for the Municipality’s website to be reconciled with the clerk’s office records. Contact for this action is TBD.
 - It was relayed to the commission that the MOA assembly and administration prefer to receive appointment recommendations in quantities of (3), to allow for overlapping in active term seats and expirations.
 - General group consensus of appreciation for having managerial support directed toward the HHAND Commission.
 - Present commission members made introductions for new AHD Director, providing brief background information and their general personal reasons for serving on the commission.
- Emergency Order for the pandemic ended, and the AHD Director had requested the meetings return being held in person at the AHD Building point forward.
 - General consensus of those present, indicated an appreciation for continuing the Microsoft Teams option for attendance, as personal schedules might not otherwise permit them to attend.

VIII. New Business

- David Morgan, AHD Director introduced himself and provided a brief overview of his vision for the HHAND Commission point forward.
- 2021 AM for OA-Houseless Lived Experience Advisory Board for discussion
 - Chair provided a brief overview of the proposed advisory board that had been recommended by Assembly person Felix Rivera. A brief discussion took place regarding such with a general consensus from those present being in support of it:

Chair made a motion to draft a letter on behalf of the HHAND Commission to provide to the Assembly and Administration in support of the concept of the proposed Houseless Lived Experience Advisory Board

MOTION: Commissioner Burrows
SECOND: Commissioner Louwerse
DISCUSSION: Action: Chair to draft a letter for distribution to the HHAND Commissioners for review and comment, prior to submitting it to the Assembly and Administration.
VOTE: Motion carried.

IX. Reports

- Project Subcommittees – None.
- Commissioner’s Comments

- Discussion around organizing another work session for the HHAND Commission members to create a tool that more clearly defines the commission's annual goals and objectives (to better align with allowing a more proactive approach with the with community.
- Consensus from those present indicated that October would be a good target time to schedule the work session. Time/date/location TBD.
- MOA Representative's Report
 - Valerie Madison noted the new employee replacing James Boehm. Jedediah (Jed) Drolet joined the CSD office July 26, 2021. We also note that management is in the process of hiring Karen Bell's replacement – TBD.

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 5:16pm. Next HHAND Commission monthly meeting will be held September 1, 2021