



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
December 04, 2019



Call to Order

The Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Advisory Commission was called to order at 4:00 pm at the Anchorage Health Department, 825 L Street Room 423, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting was staffed by the Anchorage Health Department (AHD), Human Services Division (HSD), Community Safety and Development (CSD).

I. Roll Call

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Guests
S J Klein, Chair Chelsea Owens, Vice Chair John Kim Niki Burrows Noel Rea Giovanna Gambardella <u>AHD, CSD Staff</u> James Boehm, Senior Neighborhood Planner Pat Monday, Admin Janet Johnston, Community Systems Program Manager Natasha Pineda, Director	Doug Lamkin (U)	Farimane Touray Holly Cannon, AK Generation Rehab Jonathon Cannon Generation Rehab Arthur A. Anabak Generation Rehab Joachim Koyuk Generation Rehab Amey Krantz Rebecca Barker, MOA Anch. Library Thea Nauss, MOA Anc. Library Nancy Burke, Mayor's Office James Bethany, Community Volunteer Kenny Petersen, HART Ruth Schoenleben, Nine Star

II. Approval of December 4, 2019 HHAND Agenda

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Burrows
<u>SECOND:</u> Vice-Chair Owens
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> Under New Business add Alaska Generation Rehab and remove Linda Chase
<u>VOTE:</u> Unanimous

III. Approval of HHAND November 6, 2019 Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Burrows
SECOND: Commissioner Rea
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Unanimous

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

Clarification of Conflict of Interest was discussed. There were no conflicts of interest.

V. Public Comments

No public comments

VI. Old Business

A. Nancy Burke – Report on Homelessness

Ms. Burke reported on the work the MOA is doing related to homelessness and how this work relates to pillar #3 in the Anchored Home Plan. We have reached the end of the first full year of having the plan which was released in October 2018. The plan includes four pillars of work. The first pillar is Prevention and Diversion which is led by United Way. The second pillar is the Housing and Services Continuum. This pillar is in the wheelhouse of the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH). The third pillar is Public Health and Safety or the places where homelessness hits other emergency systems in the Municipality such as the Police Department, Fire Department, and the Sleep Off Center. The fourth pillar recognizes that there are many different resources needed to address homelessness. Advocating and coordinating resources including funding is its own body of work. That is a group that is now being facilitated by the philanthropy community. The Rasmuson Foundation is leading a group called the Homeless Leadership Council.

Ms. Burke handed out documents on the Mobile Intervention Team, Anchored Home 2020 Priorities, and Camp Abatement Procedures. She then spoke briefly about each of these reports.

Ms. Burke asked for and answered questions from the commissioners and guests.

Chair Klein asked Ms. Burke if she had a response to the resolution going around the community councils that is asking “why don’t we provide the homeless resources where we can get people out of the camps?”. Ms. Burke replied most of the things in that resolution the administration agrees with and has placed in their work bucket.

Replying to another question Ms. Burke stated that she believes the Municipality should hold the lever for the things we want to be temporary. We should be pushing hard on our partners to go for supported housing, permanent supportive housing, and rapid re-housing. We should also be pushing hard on the community to develop housing and the Municipality should provide ways for shelters to be in place now so the current problem can be addressed while the community works to solve the long term problem.

Responding to a question of data that is being entered into the AKHMIS on individuals coming out of the Department of Corrections, Ms. Burke replied Partners Re-entry might have the most robust data system about people in the corrections system and how they are faring once they come out. That data is not entered into HMIS. A program called Home for Good has the opportunity for us to establish data sharing agreements with the Department of Corrections and the State Department of Health.

Chair Klein asked if the Mobile Intervention Team is sufficiently resourced and there is a need to train more APD staff. He also asked where should this commission advocate for more attention and focus to be placed in that area.

Ms. Burke answered that the Mobile Intervention Team within the Police Department is in the Community Action Policing section and Officer Adolf is one of the CAP officers and there are four others. The thinking behind the Mobile Intervention Team really should be where are the places the non-profit sector and community organizations are too narrow in their focus. And, we can use more officers.

VII. New Business

A. Agenda Setting:

a. Priorities for the upcoming year

Come up with a schedule of presentations. Have the agenda set by the middle of the month.

b. Focus area for next month

Possibly follow the pillars of the Anchored Home plan with supportive housing, the city's homelessness response or somebody from the Police Department's Mobile Intervention Team. Chair Klein will e-mail a list of potential guests for the commissioners to consider.

A discussion followed regarding the process by which projects are funded.

B. AK Generation Rehabilitation, Housing Crises – Holly Cannon and Jonathon Cannon

Holly and Jonathon Cannon spoke of their addiction, their rehabilitation, and their desire to return to Alaska and help others. They also talked about the use of tiny homes which could be a possible aid to the housing crises in Anchorage. Tiny homes in a structured situation lends a hand to people who are struggling for affordable housing. With community support, a tiny home community could help teach self-reliance. They also spoke of how they could help change the lives of others by helping them end their alcohol and drug addictions. They expressed how much better it would be if Anchorage had a co-op tiny home facility. They believe a faith based tiny home organization could change lives affected by the opioid epidemic and alcohol addiction and also address many other issues caused by homelessness including criminal activities.

Chair Klein asked what the stumbling blocks to tiny homes are in Anchorage and the reply was mainly building codes.

VIII. Reports

A. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Project Subcommittee – Commissioner Kim reported he has been working with AK Generation Rehabilitation and Anchorage Community Village Project, which is Rose Hubbard's initiative. They have been discussing barriers to implementing tiny homes as an option for addressing homelessness. Going forward Commissioner Kim plans to consider specific roadblocks, bring them up for discussion here and then take these issues to the assembly.

Commissioner Kim met with a representative from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA) to talk about Ms. Hubbard's project. That person indicated that

if there was at least one person from the Municipality who was serious about pursuing it, then AMHTA might be willing to hire professionals to assist with planning. Commissioner Kim suggested the commission send a letter to the Municipality to get this project going.

Commissioner Kim will continue reporting back on how these projects are progressing.

Chair Klein entertained a motion to authorize the chair to write a memo to the assembly, planning and zoning and to look into tiny homes.

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Rea
<u>SECOND:</u> Vice Chair Owens
<u>DISCUSSION:</u> None
<u>VOTE:</u> Motion Approved for Chair Klein to write the memo

B. Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Kim brought up the subject of changing the commission meeting time to 5:00 – 6:30. The discussion is tabled until the February meeting.

C. MOA Representative’s Report

Mr. Boehm stated if anyone has not signed the sign in sheet to please do so before leaving.

Dr. Johnston informed the commission that the substantial amendment to the HUD plan was introduced before the assembly last night. She also reported that the state is getting HUD money through the CDBG Disaster Recovery (DR) Program that will come to the state for about \$35 million, related to long term earthquake recovery needs that have not been met by the shorter term FEMA work. The CDBG-DR award was just announced yesterday. The award will go to the state and we do not know how much will be go to Anchorage. The CDBG-DR program has a focus on providing some support to homeless communities. Dr. Johnston also announced that the MOA has received the award letter from HUD for the 2109 CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds.

Related to meeting times, Dr. Johnston mentioned historically some people have told the Health Department that meeting during the work day is good for people who come representing their agency and want to do it on work time. On the other hand, there are other people representing themselves who prefer to attend on non-work time. There are several issues to consider in preparation for our discussion meeting times in February.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm by Chair Klein.

Next meeting Wednesday January 15, 2019 at Anchorage Health Department, 825 L Street Room 423 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm.