



**Commission on Equitable Housing and Development
Housing Segregation Subcommittee**

Thursday, February 24, 2022, 1:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

<https://youtu.be/bTqx2rjjGA4>

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order, Statement, and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm by co-chair, Jay Young. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

No Action Taken

<u>Member</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Absent/Present</u>
Jay Young	Mayor & Council	Present
Laurie Mazerbo	HCD	Present
Mike Edmonds	Mayor & Council	Present
Vicki Cuscino	Ex-Officio	Present (joined at 1:41 pm)

Others Present

Alison Miller, City of Tucson Housing and Community Development

Ernesto Portillo, City of Tucson Housing and Community Development

Laura Sharp, City of Tucson Housing and Community Development

Joe Audino, Barrio Neighborhood Coalition

2. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Approval of January minutes was deferred.

3. Subcommittee Purpose, Goals, and Membership

Co-Chair Jay Young raised for discussion the [Equity Topics and Resources](#) document. Discussion held.

Topics included:

- Lending Discrimination: People of color are still much more likely to be denied a home loan
- Appraisal Bias: Similar homes appraised in a part of town in a high minority area is appraised for less than a similar home in a non-minority area. This is not just a geographic issue but experienced directly by BIPOC individuals.
- Steering: Realtors guiding homebuyers towards certain areas/homes based on how the realtor perceives them.
- Section 8: People unable to use vouchers

- Source of Income (SOI): HAST proposes looking into this; Mayor and council requested proposed SOI ordinance in December 2021
 - Next step: Proposed ordinance being drafted by City attorney for proper wording; will get some form of public input
- Where do we go from here?
 - General: The sub-committee's role is to share things with full board, M&C to move issues of concern forward
 - Specific: Suggest that the City undertake a study or research project to understand these issues because they are part of making a more equitable Tucson
 - Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice was replaced by the Assessment of Fair Housing by the Obama Administration but then suspended. This analysis is a deeper assessment than the original. This is a good model of the type of report that we should request be done.
 - Need to find out what data we do already have and what is needed
 - To be discussed further at next meeting before bringing to full commission

No action taken.

4. HAST Implementation Items

Co-chair Jay Young introduced the item. Discussion held.

a. Affordable Housing Checklist/Prioritization Tool – An updated version of the prioritization tool was demonstrated by HCD staff. The demonstration included the methodology for receiving and applying input from multiple stakeholders as well as how input from the sub-committee's co-chairs affected the prioritization result. HCD staff requested feedback on a community engagement strategy, especially regarding whose input to collect and how this should be approached. Discussion occurred on the following topics:

- Input format: Should the input tool be digital, in-person, small-group, etc.
 - Public forums needed to describe criteria being assessed and answer questions
- Input audience: Should input come from policymakers, planners, developers, neighborhood groups and should they be weighted equally
 - Groups that HCD already has connections to, especially public housing residents
- Accessibility: What pieces can be made more accessible through design considerations (color, contrast, keyboard navigation); what are alternative means of providing information from the map like a data table or lookup

No action taken.

5. **Call to the Audience** - *This is the time when any member of the public may address the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development. Due to time constraints, the total time allocated for this is 15 minutes. Individuals are allowed three (3) minutes each. Due to Open Meeting Law, Commission Members cannot discuss topics that are not on the agenda. Items brought up by the public may be considered as an agenda item for a future meeting.*

No members of the public spoke.

6. Next Steps

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- a. **Items for future meetings**

Discuss how we would like to address equity, including the possibility of proposing a research analysis of housing equity in Tucson

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:31 pm