



COMMISSION on EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT
June 1, 2021

Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting (6/1/2021) (4:00 pm) via Zoom meeting.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call, and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Chair, Jim Tofel. Roll call was taken by Chair. A quorum was established.

No Action Taken

Voting Members:

Mindy Bernstein	HCD
Laurie Mazerbo	HCD
Michael Edmonds	Mayor & Council
Sharayah Jimenez	Mayor & Council
Jim Tofel	Mayor & Council
Liz Wilshin	Mayor & Council
Jay Young	Mayor & Council

Ex-officio:

Liz Morales	City of Tucson, HCD
Dan Sullivan	Pima County
Mark Clark	Pima Council on Aging
Vicki Cuscino	Direct
Maryann Beerling	Developer

Absent:

Olga Flores
Moniqua Lane
Maggie Amado-Tellez
Wendy Ascher
Koren Manning

2. Review and Adoption of May 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes

This item was continued to give the commission members time to review.

No action taken.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Jim Tofel read aloud the guidelines for Call to the Audience for virtual meetings:

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 public spoke. No action taken.

4. Finalize the Commission's Mission (why does the CEHD exist)

Discussion on the revised commission mission with updates suggested and incorporated below:

The Commission will review, investigate, and recommend actions to the Mayor and City Council, considering research, data, and inclusive public input, to increase the number of housing units that will:

1. Develop and preserve affordability for all Tucsonans, including renters, homeowners, and those without housing.
2. Protect barrios and communities from rapid change and displacement as well as structural disinvestment.
3. Cultivate landlords and developers as partners in providing equitable, accessible, and quality housing.

Mindy Bernstein made a motion that the Commission adopt the revised Mission and Mike Edmonds seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Establish SMART Goals

Discussion on the SMART Goals proposed by commissioners. After a robust discussion and voting process the following goals were prioritized:

Short-Term (less than 2 years)

- Provide a set of recommendations to Mayor and Council on activities/levers/tools the city can leverage to increase momentum around inclusive and affordable housing
- Provide recommendations on policies to increase / accelerate available Permanent Supportive Housing using a Housing First Approach
- Identify new funding opportunities for affordable housing

Long-Term (2-5 years)

- Deliver a sufficient number (TBD) of new affordable housing units within the City of Tucson
- Address housing segregation by race, ethnicity, disability and access to opportunities in Tucson (housing patterns show the legacy of racism)
- Provide recommendations on policies to increase / accelerate available Permanent Supportive Housing using a housing first approach

- Identify new funding opportunities for affordable housing

Laurie Mazerbo made a motion that the Commission adopt these SMART Goals and Mindy Bernstein seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

7. HCD Updates

Update was given by Liz Morales of Housing and Community Development.
No action taken.

8. Next Steps

A. Items for future meetings

Next meeting is July 6, 2021 @ 4 pm

Items for a future meeting that were proposed were:

- Establish subcommittees and people to sit on the subcommittees
- Discuss timing of the meeting
- Feeding homeless
- Affordable Housing Density Bonus for Sunshine Mile Overlay
- Property Analysis
- Discuss self-development options

No action taken

B. Future meeting dates, times, and locations discussion

No action taken

10. Adjournment

Without Objection meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm