

HOUSING COMMISSION OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024, 11:30 AM
100 W HOUSTON & VIDEO CONFERENCE

Members Present: Katie Wilson, Chair
Robert Abraham, Member
Pedro Alanis, Member
Kristin Davila, Member
Taneka “Nikki” Johnson, Member
Roderick Sanchez, Member
Crystal Requejo, Member

Members Absent: Cecilia Garcia Redmond, Member
Michael Reyes, Member

Staff Present: Veronica Garcia, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Mark Carmona, *City Manager’s Office*; Catherine Hernandez, *Transportation*; Juan Valdez, *Mayor’s Office*; Teresa Myers, *Mayor’s Office*; Veronica Gonzalez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Jameene Williams, *City Attorney’s Office*; Thomas Heydon, *Department of Human Services*; Sara Wamsley Estrada, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Allison Beaver, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Jacob Floyd, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Siboney Diaz-Sanchez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Jessica Lozano, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; James McKenzie, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Valentina Fernandez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Sharon Chan, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*

- **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Katie Wilson, at 11:40 AM.
- **Roll Call** – Allison Beaver, Senior Housing Policy Manager, called the roll. At the time when roll call was conducted, seven (7) members were present representing a quorum.
- 1. **Public Comments** – Wilson announced there was zero (0) residents signed up for public comment.

Staff note: The Housing Commission deadline for submitted written comment is 24 hours before the meeting. The reason for this is because it takes 24 hours for comments received in a language other than English to be translated. Speakers can leave a voicemail to be played during the meeting up to three hours before the meeting. Speakers can sign up to speak live during the meeting virtually up to 3 hours before the meeting or to speak during the meeting in person up until the meeting starts. Speakers who call past the deadline are given the opportunity to submit a written comment to be included in the minutes but not read during the meeting, and to sign up in advance for the following meeting.

- 2. **Item #1: Approval of the minutes from the San Antonio Housing Commission meeting on August 28, 2024.** (Video timestamp: 3:22)

Commissioner Kristin Davila motioned to approve the minutes from the San Antonio Housing Commission meeting on August 28, 2024. Commissioner Robert Abraham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Item #2: Briefing on the Afghan Evacuees' Resettlement: Insights and Lessons for Future Humanitarian Populations report. *(Video timestamp: 3:52)*

Sara Wamsley Estrada, Affordable Housing Administrator, introduced Nadia Mavrakis, CEO of Culturingua, and Dr. Diana Guelespe, Senior Research Associate of the Urban Institute. Dr. Guelespe overviewed the interview findings from Afghan evacuees, community stakeholders, and legal service providers along with best practices to support Afghans and future populations. Mavrakis described local programs currently supporting Afghans and considerations for housing and neighborhood conditions.

The item was for briefing and discussion only. No action was taken.

4. Item #3: Briefing and Discussion on the City's August 9th, 2024, Housing Legislative Workshop. *(Video timestamp: 54:35)*

Wilson requested Mark Carmona, Chief Housing Officer, present. Carmona overviewed the Workshop's purpose; issue topics and possible actions; and next steps.

The item was for briefing and discussion only. No action was taken.

5. Item #4: Briefing, discussion, and possible action related to the draft Transit-Oriented Policy (TOP) Framework Plan. *(Video timestamp: 01:08:20)*

Wilson requested Catherine Hernandez, Director, present. Hernandez overviewed TOP's background, timeline, framework structure, and development principal aspects. Wamsley Estrada overviewed the Technical Working Group (TWG) and Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing Subcommittee (RBSC) draft recommendations including Unified Development Code (UDC) amendments, and framework to guide resources for housing creation and preservation. Hernandez shared the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Taskforce's Phase 1 and 2 plans and next steps.

No action was taken.

6. Item #5: Briefing and discussion on the Housing Commission Subcommittees' ongoing work. *(Video timestamp 01:48:50)*

Wilson requested the subcommittee representatives Abraham, Davila, Jacob Floyd (Housing Policy Manager), and Jessica Lozano (Housing Policy Project Manager) present.

The item was for briefing and discussion only. No action was taken.

7. Item #6: Director's Report. *(Video timestamp: 2:02:35)*

Wilson requested Veronica Garcia, Director, present. Garcia overviewed on a City Budget update, Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP) event update, Public Information Campaign (PIC) update, Pathways to Removing Obstacles (PRO) to Housing Grant update, and upcoming meetings.

Item was for briefing and discussion only. No action was taken.

8. Item #7: Commissioner reports on items of community interests. (Video timestamp: 02:10:20)

Wilson inquired if Commissioners had any items to note for the Commission and/or public interest.

Item was for briefing and discussion only. No action was taken.

Closing-

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned without contest at 1:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

**Sharon Chan
Housing Policy Coordinator**