

HOUSING COMMISSION OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024, 11:30 AM
100 W HOUSTON & VIDEO CONFERENCE

Members Present: Katie Wilson, Chair
Pedro Alanis, Member
Roderick Sanchez for Jeffrey Arndt, Member
Kristin Davila, Member
Michael Reyes, Member

Members Absent: Robert Abraham, Member
Taneka “Nikki” Johnson, Member
Cecilia Garcia Redmond, Member
Crystal Requejo, Member

Staff Present: Veronica Garcia, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Mark Carmona, *City Manager’s Office*; 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-Sánchez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Marivel Arauza, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Jessica Lozano, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; James McKenzie, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Valentina Fernandez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Joyce Palmer, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Sharon Chan, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*

- **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Katie Wilson, at 11:39 AM.
- **Roll Call** – Allison Beaver, Senior Housing Policy Manager, called the roll. At the time when roll call was conducted, five (5) members were present representing a quorum.
- 1. **Public Comments** – Wilson announced there was one (1) resident signed up for public comment. (*Video timestamp: 2:00*)
 - 1. **Item #6b:** Lauro DeLeon, a disabled veteran from the Edgewood community, requested a change to eliminate the poverty level for 100% disabled veterans. DeLeon noted that certain organizations do not count government pensions as income for services or resources and this proves difficult for veterans to receive help for issues that they endured during their service time.

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 May 22, 2024. (Video timestamp: 7:45)

Commissioner Pedro Alanis motioned to approve the minutes from the San Antonio Housing Commission meeting on May 22, 2024. Commissioner Michael Reyes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Item #2: Briefing and discussion on the HUD Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Action Plan and Budget. (Video timestamp: 8:20)

Wilson requested Samantha Diaz, Grants Administrator, present. Diaz overviewed the background of Annual Action Plan and HUD. Veronica Gonzalez, Assistant Director, outlined the Plan's program categories, proposed grant funding amounts, and their breakdowns.

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

4. Item #3: Briefing and discussion on the Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing Development and Preservation Subcommittee's (RBSC) and Technical Working Group's (TWG) Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Draft Recommendations. (Video timestamp: 29:40)

Wilson requested Sara Wamsley Estrada, Housing Policy Administrator, and Jacob Floyd, Housing Policy Manager, present. Wamsley Estrada overviewed TOD's background, Unified Development Code (UDC) integration, benefits, and relevancy for San Antonio. Floyd highlighted current work being completed by the RBSC, TWG, and TOD Taskforce (under the Development Services Department), current community engagement, TWG's preliminary recommendations, and RBSC's preliminary recommendations.

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

5. Item #4: Briefing and discussion on the Housing Commission's Fiscal years 2024-2025 Priorities. (Video timestamp: 1:08:30)

Wilson requested Beaver present. Beaver overviewed the Housing Commission's five priorities and current progress on each priority's strategy.

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

6. Item #5: Briefing and discussion on the Housing Commission Subcommittees' ongoing work. (Video timestamp: 1:22:30)

Wilson requested the subcommittee representatives (Jessica Lozano, Housing Policy Project Manager, *for the Dashboard and Annual Report Subcommittee*, Abraham, and Davila) present.

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

7. Item #6: Director's Report. (Video timestamp: 1:28:28)

Wilson requested Veronica Garcia, Director, present. Garcia overviewed the Housing Assistance Program update, Housing voucher acceptance update, Community Land Trust 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: 01:40:30*)

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

Commissioner Kristin Davila highlighted that Merced Housing Texas would host a rebrand launch on July 18th at 8:30 - 10:30 AM at Casitas de Villa Corona (339 SW 39th St.).

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

Closing-

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned without contest at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sharon Chan
Housing Policy Coordinator