

HOUSING COMMISSION OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023, 11:30 AM
100 W HOUSTON & VIDEO CONFERENCE

Members Present: Robert Abraham, Member
Pedro Alanis, Member
Kristin Davila, Member
Shirley Gonzales, Chair
Ed Hinojosa, Member
Kammy Horne, Member
Taneka Nikki Johnson, Member
Amanda Lee Keammerer, Member
Cecilia Garcia Redmond, Member

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Veronica Garcia, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Juan Valdez, *Mayor's Office*; Teresa Myers, *Mayor's Office*; Jameene Williams, *City Attorney's Office*; Ian Benavidez, *Neighborhood and Housing Services*; Veronica Gonzalez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Allison Beaver, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Jacob Floyd, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Siboney Diaz-Sánchez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Marivel Arauza, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; James McKenzie, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Jessica Lozano, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Valentina Fernandez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Sharon Chan, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*

- **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Chair Shirley Gonzales at 11:43 AM.
- **Roll Call** – Allison Beaver, Senior Housing Policy Manager, called the roll. At the time when roll call was conducted, nine (9) members were present representing a quorum.
- **Public Comments** – Beaver announced there was one (1) resident signed up to speak for public comment. (*Video timestamp 1:09*)

- 1) Agenda Item #1: Leticia Sanchez, Co-chair of the Historic Westside Residents Association in District 5, stated that the bond funding was not used to its maximum potential to help individuals most in need. She noted that the Housing Bond Committee and SHIP both had criteria for the funding to build housing for those most in need. She noted individuals on \$800 a month disability income were searching and unable to find housing. Sanchez requested the Commission keep those most in need in mind, especially households at 30% AMI (area median income) and below, when discussing new policies to solve the housing crisis.

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.

1. Item #1: Briefing related to the 2022-2027 Housing Bond. (Video timestamp: 4:25)

Gonzales requested Veronica Garcia, Director, to present. Garcia presented an update to the Housing Bond's second round Request for Proposals (RFP) regarding affordable rental production and acquisition, rental housing rehabilitation and preservation, and homeownership production.

Agenda item was for briefing only. No action was taken.

Closing-

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned without contest at 12:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sharon Chan

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Housing Policy Coordinator**