

HOUSING COMMISSION OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023, 11:30 AM
100 W HOUSTON & VIDEO CONFERENCE

Members Present: Robert Abraham, Member
Pedro Alanis, Member
Kristin Davila, Member
Ed Hinojosa, Member
Kammy Horne, Member
Taneka Nikki Johnson, Member

Members Absent: Shirley Gonzales, Chair
Amanda Lee Keammerer, Member
Cecilia Garcia Redmond, Member

Staff Present: Mark Carmona, *City Manager's Office*; Veronica Garcia, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Juan Valdez, *Mayor's Office*; Teresa Myers, *Mayor's Office*; Jameene Williams, *City Attorney's Office*; Veronica Gonzalez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Allison Beaver, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Jacob Floyd, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Siboney Diaz-Sanchez, *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 Pro-tem Kristin Davila at 11:43 AM.
- **Roll Call** – Allison Beaver, Senior Housing Policy Manager, called the roll. At the time when roll call was conducted, six (6) members were present representing a quorum.
- **Public Comments** – Davila announced there was one (1) resident signed up to speak for public comment. (*Video timestamp: 2:00*)
 1. **General:** Maria Bureau, resident, inquired if the Commissioners and the NHSD Director, Veronica Garcia, were appointed by the Mayor.

Jameene Williams, Assistant City Attorney, replied to Bureau that the Commissioners were not able to answer her directly during.

Bureau inquired what she would be able to ask. Williams stated she would be able to give comment on agenda items, but Commissioners were not able to answer any inquiries directly. Bureau stated she would like to contact the Ethics Department (Ethics Board) to inquire about how housing funds are being used to help low-income individuals. She noted that she wanted to quickly educate herself on the process and would appreciate assistance. She inquired if any staff was at the meeting from the Ethics

Department. Williams stated staff could take down her contact information and respond after the meeting had concluded. Bureau declined.

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: Approval of the minutes from the San Antonio Housing Commission meeting on April 26, 2023. (Video timestamp: 6:40)

Commissioner Taneka “Nikki” Johnson motioned to approve the minutes from the San Antonio Housing Commission meetings on April 26, 2023. Commissioner Robert Abraham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Item #2: Briefing and Discussion Related to an Update on the San Antonio Housing Trust’s (SAHT) Current Work. (Video timestamp: 7:17)

Davila requested Commissioner Alanis, Executive Director of the San Antonio Housing Trust, present. Alanis presented highlights regarding SAHT’s production, operations, Tenant Emergency Assistance Matters (TEAM) Program, and future plans that include a SEED Academy sponsorship.

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

3. Item #3: Director’s Report. (Video timestamp: 35:35)

Davila requested Garcia present. Garcia presented updates regarding the Property Tax Help Campaign, Tenants’ Rights Campaign, Housing Assistance Program, Housing Bond funding to-date, Housing Commissioner application deadline, and upcoming meetings.

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

Closing-

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned without contest at 12:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sharon Chan

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Housing Policy Coordinator**