

HOUSING COMMISSION OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023, 11:30 AM
100 W HOUSTON & VIDEO CONFERENCE

Members Present: Katie Wilson, Chair
Robert Abraham, Member
Pedro Alanis, Member
Kristin Davila, Member
Kammy Horne, Member
Taneka “Nikki” Johnson, Member
Cecilia Garcia Redmond, Member
Crystal Requejo, Member
Michael Reyes, Member

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Veronica Garcia, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Mark Carmona, *City Manager’s Office*; Veronica Gonzalez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Juan Valdez, *Mayor’s Office*; Teresa Myers, *Mayor’s Office*; Jameene Williams, *City Attorney’s Office*; Thomas Heydon, *Department of Human Services*; Sara Wamsley Estrada, *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*; Joyce Palmer, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Sharon Chan, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*

- **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Katie Wilson, at 11:34 AM.
- **Roll Call** – Jacob Floyd, Housing Policy Manager, called the roll. At the time when roll call was conducted, eight (8) members were present representing a quorum.
- **Public Comments** - Wilson announced there were 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.

1. **Item #1: Approval of the minutes from the San Antonio Housing Commission meeting on September 27, 2023.** (Video timestamp: 2:15)

Commissioner Pedro Alanis motioned to approve the minutes from the San Antonio Housing Commission meeting on September 27, 2023. Commissioner Crystal Requejo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Item #2: Briefing and discussion related to City's application to HUD's Pathways to Removing Obstacles grant program.

This item was pulled by staff prior to the meeting.

3. Item #3: Briefing on the Housing Commission Subcommittees' ongoing work. (Video timestamp: 3:05)

Wilson requested the subcommittee Chairs (Horne, Abraham, Alanis, Davila, and Johnson) present.

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

Commissioner Garcia Redmond entered the meeting at 11:50 AM.

4. Item #4: Discussion and possible action on Housing Commission Fiscal year 2024-2025. (Video timestamp: 13:26)

Wilson requested Sara Wamsley Estrada, Affordable Housing Administrator, present. Wamsley Estrada overviewed the top five (5) priorities discussed by the Commissioners and how the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP) strategies overlapped with each topic.

Commissioners requested the priorities be further discussed for goal setting in small group sessions before the next Housing Commission meeting.

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

5. Item #5: Briefing and possible action related to the creation of a technical working group under the Housing Commission focused on developing recommendations to the Unified Development Code that facilitate the creation of affordable housing near and along transit corridors. (Video timestamp: 46:53)

Wilson requested Jacob Floyd, Housing Policy Manager, present. Floyd overviewed the Mayor's request, Removing Barriers Subcommittee (RBSC) discussion, and staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Pedro Alanis motioned to approve of the creation of a technical working group charged with making recommendations to the Removing Barriers Subcommittee (RBSC) and the Housing Commission on proposed amendments to the Unified Development Code (UDC) for purposes of creating affordable housing near and along transit corridors. Membership of the working group to be appointed by the co-chairs of the RBSC and not to exceed nine (9) members. The membership is to include subject matter experts on transit-oriented development, housing (including low-income housing tax credits), planning, sustainability, code, and at least one representative from the Housing Commission. The working group will produce a final report containing its recommendations for changes to the UDC to the RBSC and Housing Commission no later than a date to be determined by the Housing Commission and will remain active until they

have accomplished their charge. Commissioner Kammy Horne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Item #6: Director's Report. *(Video timestamp: 01:14:43)*

Wilson requested Veronica Garcia, Director, present. Garcia overviewed a recap of the Home Rehabilitation Application Sessions, Housing Assistance Program update, and upcoming meetings.

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

7. Item #7: Commissioner reports on items of community interests. *(Video timestamp: 01:28:51)*

Wilson inquired if the Commissioners had any items to note for the Commission and/or public interest. Reyes, Garcia Redmond, Davila, and Alanis noted items pertaining to their respective organization's work.

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

Closing-

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned without contest at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sharon Chan

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Housing Policy Coordinator**