

HOUSING COMMISSION OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024, 11:30 AM
100 W HOUSTON & VIDEO CONFERENCE

Members Present: Katie Wilson, Chair
Robert Abraham, Member
Pedro Alanis, Member
Jeffrey Arndt, Member
Kristin Davila, 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*; 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*; Allison Beaver, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Jacob Floyd, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Siboney Diaz-Sánchez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; James McKenzie, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Valentina Fernandez, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Joyce Palmer, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*; Sharon Chan, *Neighborhood & Housing Services*

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- **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Katie Wilson, at 11:38 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 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 November 29, 2023.** (Video timestamp: 4:18)

Commissioner Pedro Alanis motioned to approve the minutes from the San Antonio Housing Commission meeting on November 29, 2023. Commissioner Kristin Davila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Item #2: Briefing and discussion on the City's Federal Legislative process and the upcoming SA to DC trip. (Video timestamp: 5:28)

Wilson requested Nadia Islam, Government Affairs Administrator, and Mark Carmona, Chief Housing Officer, present. Islam overviewed the federal legislative agenda setting process and affordable housing items in the 118th Congress adopted agenda. Carmona presented regarding the SA to DC trip.

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

3. Item #3: Briefing and discussion on updates on the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP) and Homelessness Strategic Plan (HSP) implementation. (Video timestamp: 21:02)

Wilson requested Carmona present. Carmona overviewed the SHIP's local coordination, unit production and preservation progress; FY 2023 SHIP strategies, and next steps. He also presented the Homeless Strategic Plan's key recommendations, FY 2024 priorities, Point-in-Time Count statistics, prevention & diversion, expanded shelter & housing options, and public communication collaboration.

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

4. Item #4: Briefing and discussion on the FY 2024 Affordable Single-Family & Multi-Family Gap Funding Recommendations. (Video timestamp: 47:49)

Wilson requested Veronica Garcia, Director, present. Garcia overviewed the solicitation details, evaluation criteria, evaluation committee, award recommendations, and timeline.

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

5. Item #5: Briefing and discussion related to updates on the VIA Metropolitan Transit and Greater SATX's current work. (Video timestamp: 1:08:01)

Wilson requested the Commissioner Arndt and Commissioner Garcia Redmond present.

Arndt presented updates regarding VIA Metropolitan Transit's types of services, average rider demographics, Keep SA Moving Plan, and planned rapid transit Green and Silver Lines.

Garcia Redmond presented updates regarding Greater SATX's Strategic Framework, 5-year plan progress, and new businesses drawn to San Antonio.

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

6. Item #6: Briefing on the Housing Commission Subcommittees' Ongoing Work. (Video timestamp: 01:38:40)

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

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

7. Item #7: Director's Report. *(Video timestamp: 01:51:37)*

Wilson requested Veronica Garcia, Director, present. Garcia overviewed the Housing Commission Retreat Report, SHIP Event update, Housing Assistance Program updates, and upcoming meetings.

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

8. Item #8: Commissioner reports on items of community interests. *(Video timestamp: 02:08:19)*

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

Alanis noted that the San Antonio Housing Trust would be having an Open House on Friday, January 26, 2024 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Commissioner Requejo announced that the Mexican American Unity Council (MAUC) would be partnering with the City to assist with the Property Tax Help Campaign kicking off in February. She also noted that MAUC's estate planning program's waitlist would reopen in March 2024.

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

Closing-

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned without contest at 1:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

**Sharon Chan
Housing Policy Coordinator**