



COMMISSION on EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

Thursday May 1, 2025, 4:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

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Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting (05/01/2025)
4:05 pm via Zoom meeting.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call, Statement, Meeting Minute approval and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Chair Jay Young, roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

No Action Taken

Voting Members:

Members Present:

Raye Winch
Jim Tofel (1:16pm-1:18:15)
Vicki Cuscino
Jay Young
Alan Solot
Laurie Mazerbo
Mindy Bernstein
Tisha Tillman
Kenny Wong

Representing:

Mayor & Council
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Exoficio:

Ann Chanecka	HCD
Mike Edmonds	Tucson House Res.
Marcos Ysmael	Pima County
Koren Manning	City of Tucson, PDSD

Absent:

W. Mark Clark (Retired- Will Follow up)	Pima Council on Aging
aryann Beerling	Mayor & Council
Serena Huaraque	Youth Member
Maggie Amado-Tellez	Pima County Community

Review and Adoption of March 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- Without Objection minutes were approved

2. **Call to the Audience:**

Chair Jay Young read aloud the guidelines for Call to the Audience for virtual meetings:

This is the time when any member of the public may address the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development. Due to time constraints, the total time allocated for this is 15 minutes. Individuals are allowed three (3) minutes each. Due to Open Meeting Law, Commission Members cannot discuss topics that are not on the agenda. Items brought up by the public may be considered as an agenda item for a future meeting.

- Ben Buer Garcia - Arizona Multi Housing Association

3. **Mini Retreat Report Outs:**

- Discussion by Jay Young on the summary Outcome of the Retreat with the focus areas which there were three, Prevention, housing options, and services. Packets given help with the report outs. Also, the 3 groups objectives and desired outcomes, navigating through ideas discussed at the retreat. Kenny Wong and Raye Winch shared the topic of Prevention surrounding state and legislation level and those barriers. While the Discussion on options and preventions of homelessness and what issues does the commission want to focus on. On the Topic of services Tisha Tallman's group focused on behavioral health, transitional housing, outdoor sleeping and decriminalization.

- Discussion held. No action Taken.

4. **TPCH and Strategic Planning Presentation and Updates:**

-Discussion and Presentation by Kat Davis (HCD) – Overview of TPCH/CoC providing a high-level overview of the Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness (TPCH), also referred to as the Continuum of Care (CoC). She explained that TPCH is a system-level homelessness response body organized around five key pillars of responsibility. TPCH operates as a self-governed entity guided by a governance charter and policies, which are overseen by the General Council and the Board. The organization focuses on providing supportive housing and homelessness prevention services.

-Discussion held. No action Taken.

5. **Pima County Housing Initiatives:**

-Discussion and Presentation by Nicole Fyffe provided an update on the Regional Housing Strategy and Funding Plan, focusing on current housing shortages and projected housing needs in the region.

*-Presentation by David Higuera (Office of Supervisor Heinz) – Affordable Housing Funding Proposal
David Higuera presented Supervisor Heinz’s proposal to allocate an additional 3 cents from the property tax rate toward affordable housing initiatives.*

-Motion to Support 3 Cents for Affordable Housing Proposal
A motion was made by Tisha Tillman and seconded by Mindy Bernstein to support Supervisor Heinz’s proposed 3-cent property tax increase for affordable housing.

-The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

6. **Housing trust Fund:**

-Discussion Ann Chanecka from the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) provided an update on the Housing Trust Fund, outlining its goals, current status, and the timeline for drafting policies expected to be presented in June. She emphasized the importance of the fund as a flexible tool to address local housing challenges, including the development of affordable housing, preservation of existing housing stock, and homelessness prevention.

To provide further insight into how the fund could impact the community, HCD invited Katie Bulger from the City of Tucson Ward 3 office. Bulger expressed strong support for the Housing Trust Fund on behalf of Council Member Kevin Dahl, highlighting its potential to bring much-needed resources directly into neighborhoods most affected by housing instability. She discussed how the fund could be used to support smaller-scale, community-based housing projects and leverage other funding sources to maximize impact in Ward 3 and beyond.

7. **City, County, and Working Group Updates:**

-Due to time constraints with the commission meeting, commissioners were requested to review written updates provided prior to the Commission in detailed agenda.

-Discussion held. No action Taken

8. **Next Steps**

Upcoming Meetings:

- 1. Equitable Housing Strategies: Tuesday, May 20, 1-2:30 p.m.*
- 2. CEHD Meeting: Thursday, June 5, 4 – 6 p.m.*
- 3. Affordable Housing: Wednesday, May 21, 4-6 p.m.*
- 4. Housing First: Tuesday, May 27, 4-5:40 p.m.*
- 5. Mobile Housing Task Force: Thursday, May 22, 1 – 3 p.m.,
in the Sentinel Building, 320 N Commerce Park Loop (in-person meeting).*

8. **Adjournment** – 6:07 pm

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