

HOUSING FIRST SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

June 25, 2024- 4:00PM

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Housing First Subcommittee of the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting

Call to Order/Roll Call, and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair Tisha Tallman. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

No Action Taken

Members present: Tisha Tallman, Mindy Berstein, Mark Clark

Members absent: Wendy Ascher

Members of public present: Kristen Olsen

HCD Staff: Austin Puca

1. Call to the Audience

2. Housing First Update – Austin Puca reported on the following:

- The mobile shower unit is down and receiving repairs.
- The National Alliance to end homelessness is hosting an annual conference and sending their members to attend to advocate for affordable housing and housing first needs.
- Housing Central Command Initiative has successfully housed 57 people in a 3-month period
- HCD submitted recommendations to Dr. Keith Bentele asking to serve on panel for private philanthropy to gain insight and information on how to proactively promote affordable housing.

3. HCD Update – Ernesto Portillo reported that the Amazon shelter opened two cooling containers that are opened on Tuesday's 12-5:30, also that the City Council approved the conversion of Old Fire Station 8 into a resource center.

4. Presentation and discussion – Kristen Olson presented a slide show on Homing Project on micro homes which is affordable permanent housing which is cost efficient to build and provides a community which offers support, recovery and skill development. These micro homes are being stored at Habitat for Humanity ready for assembly and waiting

to be built on property located at Glenn & Stone and should be starting to build in November and ready for occupancy in December.

5. **Additional research-** Mindy brought up sanctioned campgrounds with tents that are not secure but hopes that the City of Tucson can invest in building the micro home village. Wendy agreed that the campground is not secure. Locations of empty lots/land were discussed.
6. Tisha expressed concerns about climate resilience and length of time and zoning issues.
7. **Next Steps** - Briefing on housing and service accelerator initiatives that have been funded by Medicaid.

Adjournment – 5 pm