



COMMISSION on EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

Equitable Housing Strategies Subcommittee Minutes

June 27, 2024, 1-2:30 pm

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Equitable Housing Subcommittee of the Commission on Equitable Housing and Development
meeting via Zoom

Call to Order/Roll Call, and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Chair Jay Young. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

No Action Taken

Members present: Jay Young, Kenny Wong, Raye Winch, Laurie Mazerbo, Tisha Tallman, Lena Porell

Members absent: Vicki Cuscino

Members of public present – Cassie, Michael Edmonds

1. **COT Office of Equity Update** – Jay reported his meeting with Laurice Walker, the overall message is that Laurice really wants to engage with the subcommittee and suggested meeting every two weeks and would like to change the meeting from Thursday to be able to attend. Jay opened discussion to the panel to suggest another meeting day to accommodate Laurice. It was decided that the 3rd Tuesday afternoon works for all at 1pm. Jay also shared with Laurice all past meeting agenda items.
2. **COT HCD Update** – Ernesto Portillo reported the following:
 - AMPHI Housing First Resource Center re-zoning of the old Fire Station 8 was unanimously adopted by the Mayor and City Council and the next step is RFQ to ready for development.
 - P-CHIP focus groups have completed. A plan will be put together based on all gathered data.

- The new cooling center has opened at the Amazon shelter on West Miracle Mile and will operate until the end of August. Construction at the Amazon could begin later this year.

3. Work plan for April, May and June and Action plans

- Once the Office of Equity comes on board at the meetings a more robust conversation can come about.
- How do we go about as we wait for the Office of Equity to come aboard, have Jay sit with Laurice to go over the presentation and presentations.
- Individual readings, book chapters about public housing in Tucson and would like to get that back onto the agenda, or anything else related to the history of public housing in Tucson. Have Jason from HCD to discuss that topic. Discussion was held on other books to share with the panel.
- Jay assigned panel members to obtain information on various books about public housing and bring them back to share with the panel.
- Lena from HCD mentioned that a joint HCD/PDSD book club this year is meeting during the summer, and they are reading “Missing Middle Housing” and hopefully will kick off a book club for the fall.
- Ernesto will share a book review of “Growing up in the Shadow of the Freeway.”

4. Action Items for CEHD

- Ernesto sent out a letter to the Mayor and City Council to vote on.
- No July Commission meeting

5. Call to the Audience – nothing to report

6. Next Steps – Update on the work plan, no July meeting suggested to only check in via email on updates on the individual book reviews from the panel members. Next meeting will be in August.

Adjournment – 2 pm