



Commission on Equitable Housing and Development
Thursday- March 12, 2026, 4:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

Online Zoom Webinar, Registration Required:

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Legal Action Report

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call, Statement, Meeting Minute approval and Introductions:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Jay Young a roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

No Action Taken

Members Present:

Voting Members:

Jay Young
Robert Ojeda
Alan Solot
Tisha Tillman
Laurie Mazerbo
Ann Miskey
Maggie Amado-Tellez

Representing:

Mayor & Council
PCOA
Mayor & Council
Mayor & Council
HCD
Mayor & Council
Pima County
Community Land Trust

Exoficio:

Ann Chanecka
Mike Edmonds

HCD
Tucson House Res.

Absent:

Marcos Ysmael
Koren Manning
Serena Huaraque
Kenny Wong
Vicki Cuscino
Logan Havens
Jim Tofel

Pima County
City of Tucson, PDSD
Youth Member
Mayor & Council
Direct
Mayor & Council
Mayor & Council

Review and Adoption of February 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- Without Objection minutes were approved

2. Call to the Audience

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.

3. City and County Updates:

A. HCD Updates –

Ann Chanecka, Director of Housing and Community Development, completed public meetings for Main and Davis, South 10th, and Speedway/Stone projects; finalists presented draft proposals for Main and Davis. A community meeting was held for the Amphi Station 8 shelter project. Tucson House construction is underway (Month 2 of 30 months). The Housing Trust Fund approved emergency rental assistance; program launch and intake process are in development. Draft guidelines for safe outdoor spaces (e.g., Star Village, safe parking) are in progress following the housing emergency declaration. Two Commission vacancies noted.

-Discussion held. No action Taken

B. PDS –

- Not in attendance

- Discussion held. No action Taken.

C. Pima County Updates-

Sofia Blue and Daniel Sullivan of Pima County presenting. The Board of Supervisors adopted the 10-year housing strategy and Funding plan following over a year of collaboration, with appreciation noted for City Commission and city staff input.

Approximately \$3.5 million in keeping people housed funds were allocated this fiscal year; to date, \$271,000 has supported 15 households through home repair assistance, with additional funds supporting accessibility modifications.

The County was also awarded a two-year grant from the Garcia Family Foundation to establish a centralized rent and utility assistance program, aimed at streamlining access to services and evaluating long-term effectiveness.

-Discussion held. No action taken.

4. Status and future direction of CEHD subcommittees:

- The Commission continued discussion on future priorities following completion of prior homelessness recommendations to Mayor and Council, with coordination meetings still pending. Members engaged in brainstorming potential focus areas for the upcoming year, with additional discussion anticipated.

Staff clarified that subcommittees are established at the Commission level and do not require Mayor and Council approval. A preliminary proposal was discussed to restructure subcommittees due to quorum challenges, including reducing too 2 standing committees, eliminating the Housing First subcommittee, and utilizing ad hoc committees as needed.

A Motion was made by Tisha Tillman and second by Ann Miskey to create two new subcommittees, the first dealing with public affairs, advocacy, and communications. And the second subcommittee dealing with development, housing market conditions. The 2 subcommittees will meet a minimum once a month and they will determine the subcommittee's names, along with clarity of focus and topics.

Motioned passes 7-0

5. CEHD Scope of Work for 2026

Members also discussed considerations related to quorum requirements, total Commission membership, and potential approaches to subcommittee participation and assignments.

-Discussion held. No action taken.

6. **Fair Housing Month:**

Jay Young provided an overview of upcoming Fair Housing Month activities in April, including planned proclamations by the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Significant challenges were noted at the federal level, including funding gaps affecting local agencies and concerns regarding reduced enforcement of the Fair Housing Act. The importance of Fair Housing Month was emphasized given current national conditions impacting fair housing efforts.

Commissioners were invited to participate in upcoming events and activities.

-Discussion held. No action taken.

7. **Next Steps:**

Upcoming Subcommittee and Working Group Meetings:

- *Equitable Housing Strategies: Thursday, Mar 19th, 1-2:30 p.m.*
- *Affordable Housing: Wednesday, April 14th 4-6 p.m.*
- *Mobile Housing Working Group: Thursday, Mar. 26th 1-2:30pm*
- *Housing First: Tuesday, March 31st, 4-5:30 p.m.*
- **Next Pima County Housing Commission Meeting: Friday, March 20th, 8:30 a.m.**
- **Next Commission Meeting: Thursday, April 2nd- 4-6pm**

6. **Adjournment – 5:58 pm**

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