



## COMMISSION on EQUITABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

Thursday- March 12, 2026, 4:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Online Zoom Webinar, Registration Required:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrwjPZkYJ48&t=6614s>

Commission on Equitable Housing and Development meeting (03/12/2026) 4:00 pm via Zoom meeting.

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

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#### Exoficio:

Ann Chanecka  
Mike Edmonds

HCD  
Tucson House Res.

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#### 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  
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**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. PDSB –**

*- 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, 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.*

*Commission members discussed future focus areas:*

##### **A. Advocacy & Communication**

- Increase public education on homelessness*
- Address misconceptions about unhoused populations*
- Support messaging aligned with data and community needs*

##### **B. Focus on Vulnerable Populations**

- Older adults*
- Individuals with disabilities*
- Individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders*
- Survivors of domestic violence*
- Youth at risk of homelessness*

##### **C. Housing System & Market Mechanics**

- Housing supply and development barriers*
- Zoning challenges*
- Developer engagement*
- Mortgage default concerns*
- Homeownership education and stability*

##### **D. Collaboration & Community Engagement**

- Avoid duplication of efforts with organizations such as TPCH*
- Increase coordination across agencies*

- *Invite guest speakers and experts*
- *Include individuals with lived experience in discussions*

## **5. CEHD Scope of Work for 2026**

*The Commission engaged in a discussion to identify priorities and focus areas for its work in 2026.*

### **Subcommittee Structure**

*Commissioners discussed restructuring subcommittees to improve participation and effectiveness. Key points included:*

- *Proposal to reduce to **two primary subcommittees***
- *Elimination of the "Housing First" subcommittee due to federal policy shifts and ongoing quorum challenges*
- *Consideration of **ad hoc committees** to address emerging issues 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***

## **6. Fair Housing Month:**

Jay Young introduced the topic of Fair Housing Month, observed in April. He emphasized the importance of recognizing Fair Housing Month, particularly in light of current challenges affecting fair housing efforts, including:

- Reduced funding for fair housing organizations
- Ongoing gaps in federal support and enforcement
- Broader concerns regarding the protection of civil rights

Commissioners acknowledged the significance of Fair Housing Month and the need to continue supporting fair housing efforts within the community. No formal action was taken.

*-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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