



Housing And Human Services Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes

September 28, 2023

Commissioners Present:	Council Liaison:
Echo Fields	Bob Kaplan
Brittney Bass	Dylan Bloom (Absent)
Jason Mendoza	Staff Present:
Kathy Kali	Linda Reid; Housing Program Specialist
Rich Rohde	Kendall Escuin; Admin Support
Crystal Munoz	Kelly Burns;
Commissioner's Absent:	
Heidi Parker	
Alan Ackroyd	
Deb Price	

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:00 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

III. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of August 24, 2023, Minutes

Rohde/Bass M/S Voice Vote: ALL AYES. Motion Passed.

IV. **PUBLIC FORUM** (4:05-4:10 p.m.)

A. Public Forum.

- **Gary Shaff** presented the idea of protecting the bike lane on N. Mountain Ave. And asked the Committee to consider supporting the idea. [Draft Housing Comm to Council RE PBL's.pdf](#)
- **Sidney Brown**, a member of CEPAC (Climate and Environmental Policy Advisory Committee), invited to the CEPAC Electrification Ordinance meeting, which is broken up into 2 sessions. The first session is on Wednesday Oct. 18 from 6-7:30 PM. The second session will be on Oct. 26 from 12:00-1:30 PM at the Council Chambers.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Inclement Weather Shelter Report (4:10-4:35 p.m.). [Summer Summary 2023.pdf](#)

- **Kelly Burns** gave a report and answered questions on the inclement weather shelter.



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B. Workgroup Report–Exploration of Issues and Solutions in Rental Housing (4:35–4:45 p.m.).

- **Crystal Munoz** shared that she reached out to the Oregon Community Alliance of Tenants to get an understanding of what the hotline was all about. Mid November it will be up and running again with Spanish speaking options. The hotline also offers advice on what to do if you've received an eviction. They are also a useful source to help identify government run organizations who can help you in your region, ours would be ACCESS.

C. CDBG Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report Review and Approval (4:55–5:15 p.m.). [2022 CDBG CAPER-Revised Draft.pdf](#)

- **Linda Reid** gave a detailed presentation on the CAPER's process and structure.

Mendoza/Munoz M/S Voice Vote: ALL AYES. The motion to approve the CAPER has been approved.

D. Planning Discussion for the Annual Rent Burden Forum (5:15–5:40 p.m.)

- The Committee had a discussion on table assignments, table topics, and flyers.
- The event date has been scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 9 from 4:30–6:30 PM in the Gresham room at the library.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. None

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Liaison Reports

- **Councilor Bob Kaplan** informed the Committee that the City Council walked the neighborhoods surrounding our new emergency shelter at 2200 Ashland St. to answer any questions and to help get the word out.
- **Kaplan** also shared updates on the climate friendly area studies report. This report focuses on 4 different areas of town.
 1. **Transit Triangle**
 2. **Railroad Park**
 3. **Croman Mill**
 4. **Historic District**
- The goal of the report is to create more density, more units for housing, and develop more mixed-use buildings.

B. General Announcements



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VIII. AGENDA BUILDING – Future Meetings

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: October 26, 2023

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