



Housing And Human Services Committee Agenda

Community Development Building

51 Winburn Way

Note: Anyone wishing to speak at any Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee meeting is encouraged to do so. If you wish to speak, please rise and, after you have been recognized by the Chair, give your name and complete address for the record. You will then be allowed to speak. Please note the public testimony may be limited by the Chair.

February 22, 2024

AGENDA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:00 p.m.
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- III. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of January 25, 2024, Minutes
- IV. **PUBLIC FORUM** (4:05–4:10 p.m.)
 - A. Public Forum.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Social Service Grant Presentations (4:10–5:20 p.m.).
 - B. Social Service Grant Award Evaluation and Recommendations (5:20–5:50 p.m.).
- VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. None
- VII. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - A. Liaison Reports
 - B. General Announcements
- VIII. **AGENDA BUILDING – Future Meetings**
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: March 28, 2024



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January 25, 2024

Draft Minutes

Commissioners Present:	Council Liaison:
Echo Fields	Dylan Bloom
Brittney Bass	
Deb Price	Staff Present:
Crystal Munoz	Linda Reid; Housing Program Specialist
Rich Rohde	Veronica Allen; Associate Planner
Jason Mendoza	Lisa Evans; Code Compliance
Kathy Kali	
Alan Ackroyd	Absent:
	Kendall Escuin; Staff
	Bob Kaplan; Council Liaison

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of October 26, 2023, Minutes

Rhode/Kali M/S Voice Vote: ALL AYES The minutes from October 26, 2023, have been approved.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM (4:05–4:10 p.m.)

A. Public Forum.

- N/A

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Code Compliance Presentation (4:10–4:35 p.m.).

Lisa Evans, the City's Code Compliance Officer, gave a presentation on vacation rentals in town. She also touched on the following topics.

- Property zoning.
- Requirements and the process to ensure legality.
- Citation process.
- General Q & A.

The Workgroup will come together and craft a motion to present to the City Council regarding a vacation rental cap.

B. Homeless Services Masterplan Subcommittee Appointments (4:35–5:00)





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p.m.).

The Committee voted on 8 candidates for the Subcommittee. **The vote was unanimous.**

They are as follows, in no particular order.

- Jan Calvin
- Dennis Slattery
- Helena Turner
- Debbie Neiswander
- Alex Reid
- Avram Sacks
- Lawrence VanEgdom
- Ro Henigson-Kann

C. Workforce and Affordable Housing Discussion and Next Steps (4:55–5:15 p.m.).

The workgroup has changed their name to the “Middle Income Housing and Affordable Housing Workgroup”. The group touched on these items.

- Work with other groups – SOU.
- Land Trust.
- Construction exercise tax (0–60% AMI) would like to broaden to (50–120% AMI).
- Normal Ave. plan to be updated.
- Ensuring the survey data is aligning with Brandon Goldman and Mayor Graham.
- Next meeting on Monday, Feb. 12th at SOU library. Room 231 from 3:30 PM– 7:30 PM.

D. Strategic Goal Review and Discussion (5:15–5:40 p.m.)

- Middle income Housing
 - Cottage Housing (numerical goal)
 - Housing for young families
 - Higher Density Development
 - Remove requirements for open space.
 - Housing for all demographics
 - Housing for SOU graduates
- Identify barriers to housing support, are there ways that the Committee can assist agencies that are struggling. Create a survey to ascertain what types of help the Committee can provide. Host an event to talk to organizations about how the Committee can support other agencies.
- Review Airbnb regulations (AMC 18.2.3). Can these be changed? How does it work? How do complaints happen, how is compliance gained.
- Explore incentives for middle income investors and developers.
- Encourage the development of a diversity of housing types.
- Explore opportunities for alternative/innovative housing types, with permaculture.
- More ADA housing development/accessible housing development.
- Construction excise Tax.
- Housing Master Plan



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Rohde/ Munoz M/S. Voice Vote: All AYES. The goals that were created at the 2024 goal setting retreat have been adopted with the following three changes.

1. "Work Force Housing" header changed to "Middle Income Housing."
2. "Private market equity investors" changed to "middle income investors".
3. Add "Housing Master Plan" to our list of goals.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. None

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Liaison Reports

- **Councilor Dylan Bloom** gave feedback on the City's annual Town Hall. He was hoping that more Community members had shown up, but everything else was great. It was an opportunity for us to communicate with our locals about the exciting on-goings in town.

B. General Announcements

- **Echo Fields** would like to remind the Committee about the Homeless Summit on Saturday, February 3 at the Ashland Hills Inn.

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Memo

DATE: February 22, 2024

TO: Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee

FROM: Linda Reid, Housing Program Manager

DEPT: Planning

RE: Social Service Grant Presentations and Committee Evaluation and Recommendations

The City advertised the availability of a total of \$134,000 for Social Services funding for the fiscal year 2024-25. The City is making available 67k per year, or \$134,000 across two fiscal years (FY 24 and FY25).

Social Services grant money is funded through the General Fund. The City received twelve applications totaling over \$300,000 in response to the request for proposals. The City of Ashland Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee will review the grant requests and make a recommendation for grant awards to the City Council. Subsequently, the City Council will hold a public hearing on March 19, 2024, and make the final decision on grant awards.

Applicants will have the opportunity to speak briefly about their proposals and answer questions, should the Committee members have any, regarding their proposals. Presentations are optional and is not mandatory to receive funding. Presentations will be in alphabetical order providing about five minutes to each presenter depending on the number of presenters in attendance.

1. Ashland Emergency Food Bank
2. Ashland Food Angels
3. Community Works, Dunn House
4. RVCOG-Food and Friends

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9. Southern Oregon Jobs with Justice
10. Sunstone Housing Collaborative
11. St. Vincent De Paul
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