



# HSA Committee Minutes

**May 25, 2023**

**4:00-6:00PM**

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

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	<b>Council Liaison:</b>
Echo Fields	Bob Kaplan
Kathy Kali	<b>Staff Present:</b>
Heidi Parker	Linda Reid; Housing Program Specialist
Rich Rohde	Kendall Escuin; Admin Support
Jason Mendoza	
Brittney Bass	<b>SOU Liaison:</b>
Deborah Price	Reese Rosenberg
<b>Commissioner's Absent:</b>	
Alan Ackroyd	

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A.** Approval of April 27, 2023, Minutes

**Rohde/Parker m/s Voice vote: ALL AYES. Motion moves.**

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

**A.** Public Forum

**None**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Presentation by SOU Student Liaison, **Reese Rosenberg**, "Housing Insecurity Amongst Ashland Youth: A Qualitative Study" (4:15-4:35 p.m.). **Rosenburg** presented a portion of her capstone project which focused on discrimination in the renting system in Ashland.

**Rosenburg** touched on 4 main goals.

1. Bridge younger people with city involvement.
2. Learn more about housing discrimination for people under 25.
3. Learn more about coping strategies when people under 25 are denied housing.
4. Explore possible solutions and make constructive criticism of housing in the area.

- The Committee had a robust conversation in response to Rosenberg's presentation.





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- **Parker** would like to create a sub-committee on this issue. The goal would be to publicly advertise homes that have open bedrooms for rent. And to educate our community on this pressing issue. **Parker** also suggests that **Rosenburg** present this power point to local Realtors.
- B.** New Committee Member Introductions (4:35-4:45 p.m.).
- Members gave brief introductions of themselves to the Committee.
- C.** New Committee Chair and Vice Chair Elections (4:45-5:05 p.m.)
- **Munoz nominates Fields as chair. Voice Vote: ALL AYES. Fields is now our Chair.**
  - **Rohde/Parker m/s Kali and Munoz as Co-Vice Chair. Voice Vote: ALL AYES. Kali and Munoz share the position of Co-Vice Chair.**
- D.** Winter Shelter Debrief and Summer Shelter planning Update (5:05-5:25 p.m.)
- [Severe Weather Shelter 2023 Re-Cap.pdf](#)
- **Fields, Rohde, and Reid** were at the debrief meeting.
  - **Rohde** reported that it was a great meeting. All the stakeholders and people involved were open to listening and learning. The one point that stuck out for **Rohde** was the need for public education. And for the people needing shelter, to know where it is located on a consistent basis. The next challenge will be what to do with the summer shelter.
  - **Fields** reported that **Kelly Burns** will be getting the Nixle notifications out. **Fields** spoke to **Burns** about street outreach.
- E.** Meeting Time Change Discussion (5:25-5:45)
- Tabling this discussion for June 22, 2023, meeting.

### **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A.** None

### **VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A.** Liaison Reports

- **Kaplan** reported that the Budget Committee just approved the budget.
- **Reid** reported the Multi Agency Coordination Group met about the emergency order to address homelessness. The City of Ashland did submit an application for funding to acquire a permanent location for a weather shelter. We were awarded 1.4 million to be used to buy a building. All funding must be spent before January 10, 2024.



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### B. General Announcements

- **Rohde** announced that Ashland passed the housing production strategy. There was an article written by Channel 12 News in Medford that reported that we were the first city in Oregon to adopt our own HPS.

## VIII. AGENDA BUILDING – Future Meetings

### IX. ADJOURNMENT: 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 6:07pm

### **Next Meeting Date: June 22, 2023**

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