



# HHSA Committee Minutes (Draft)

**March 23, 2023**

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

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Call to order by **Reppond** at 4:00:

<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
Alan Ackroyd	
Brittney Bass	
Linda Reppond	<b>Special Guests:</b>
<b>Commissioners Absent:</b>	Cheyenne Nichols Case Manager with Maslow Project
Jason Mendoza	Cass Sinclair Executive Director with OHRA
	Tighe O'Meara Police Chief with APD

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Chief O'Meara** gave an update on the tent community in town.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Parker/Fields m/s** approval of the minutes as presented. Minutes approved from February 23, 2023, approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC FORUM (4:05-4:15 p.m.)**

**Laundry love** is looking for a new location to offer their laundry washing program for unhoused populations. They are looking for an alternative location to continue their service both temporarily and permanently. On February 6, 2023, they had to vacate Henrys Laundry Mat. They are actively looking for another space. If there are any leads, please contact Laundry Love at (707)-499-9146.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. CDBG Applicant Presentations and Public Hearing (4:15-4:45 p.m.).**

**Maslow (Cheyenne Nichols)** Spoke to the services offered at Maslow Project. Assisting students dealing with houselessness and keeping kids in school. Ensuring they are getting all basic needs met such as food, supplies and clean clothes. Nichols also provided an overview of the Case





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management services that Maslow provides to students and families enrolled in the Ashland School District. Maslow offers intensive support for kids and their families. Maslow is extremely active in outreach in Ashland and surrounding communities. Maslow is asking for \$25,000 to continue to offer case management and support in the Ashland School District.

**OHRA (Cass Sinclair)** Spoke to the services offered at OHRA. Sinclair is happy to report that 145 people have been housed since 2021. Sinclair is asking for funding for two separate activities; a commercial kitchen addition (which will most likely be a self-contained cargo container kitchen) and a separate funding application to support ongoing Navigation services to homeless and households at risk of homelessness. The container kitchen can be moved in the future which is a huge perk to the container design.

### **B. CDBG Award Evaluation Discussion and Award Recommendation (4:45–5:30 p.m.).**

**Reid** gave a brief breakdown of the funding process. The City receives a formula allocation from HUD. A total of \$179,575 has been allocated to the City of Ashland. 20% (\$35,915) is reserved for administration of the CDBG program. HUD only allows the City to allocate a maximum of 15% (\$26,936) of the entire allocation for public service activities. There are no allocation limits to the amount of funding which can be utilized for Capital improvement projects. The commercial kitchen OHRA is requesting is a Capital improvement project.

**Rhode** made a motion to allocate \$25,000 to Maslow, the full Capital amount for OHRAs commercial kitchen and the rest of the money to OHRAs Navigators. No second.

**Fields** made a motion to allocate \$141,235 to OHRA's capital funding request and to split the \$26,936 in available public service funding between the two public service applications. Awarding \$13,468 to OHRA Navigation and \$13,468 to Maslow for wrap around services for homeless youth. No second.

**Kali** made a motion to allocate \$141,235 to OHRA's capital project and award \$26,936 to Maslow.

**Rhode** pointed out that \$26,936 is more than Maslow initially asked for.

**Kali** withdrew her initial motion and made a new motion that \$143,171 be awarded to OHRA Capital and \$25,000 to Maslow. No second.

**Bass** made a motion to award Maslow \$15,000, OHRA navigation services \$11,936 and the OHRA commercial kitchen \$141,235.

**Fields** seconded Bass's motion.

**Escuin** restates the motion, "Bass makes a motion to award \$15,000 to Maslow Project, \$11,936 to OHRA navigation services, and the remaining capital funding of \$141,235 for the OHRA commercial kitchen project".



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**Voice Vote: Rhode, Kali, Ackroyd, Bass, Reppond all vote AYES. Fields and Parker abstain.**

### **C. Report on the Governor's E.O. related Housing Bills**

Tabled until the next Committee meeting on April 23, 2023.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**None**

### **Liaison Reports**

**Kaplan** reported that there is enough funding for 10 more days of the emergency weather shelter. The shelter is seeing between 11-34 people at the emergency shelter on any given night. Kaplan also gave a brief overview of the budget meeting process and schedule and went over the Council's strategic priorities for the budget, which are, wildfire risks, attainable and affordable housing, and progressive utility rates. The housing production strategy is also a priority for the next 2 years.

**Reid** Gave a brief update on the State's expectations, guidelines, and timelines for the E.O. 23-02 funding to address the homelessness state of emergency. Reid let the Committee members know that more definite information about this funding will be provided once the Continuum of Care learns more from the State.

### **General Announcements**

Joy Fate has resigned effective immediately. Crystal Munoz will be recommended for appointment at the April 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. This will be Reppond's last meeting. The Committee will appoint new officers at our next regular meeting.

### **AGENDA BUILDING – Future Meetings**

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:00 p.m.**

**m/s to adjourn. ALL AYES. Motion passed.**

**Next Meeting Date: April 27, 2023**

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