

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Neighborhood Resources Department**

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Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Commission Chair Tony Alcala called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Tony Alcala, Heather Mattisson, Cynthia Hardy, David Gonzalez (logged off at 6:27 pm), Julie Martin, Karen Tepper (logged on at 6:02 p.m.), Leonard Navarrete (logged off at 6:08 p.m.), Ryan Magel, and Vanessa Dearmon.

Commissioners absent: Steve Tepper (excused), Greg Rodriquez (excused).

Staff present: Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager, Kelly Schwab, City Attorney, Leah Powell, Neighborhood Resources Director, Riann Balch, Community Resources Manager, Karin Bishop, Community Development & Resources Supervisor, Dylan Raymond, Community Resources Coordinator, and Monica Thompson, Community Development Coordinator, Heather Callis, Recreation Coordinator II

Public present: Linda Sawyer, Mary Yanno, Ruth Jones, Phyllis Minkus, Mark Yost, Sue Harder, Mari (unknown last name), and Leslie Minkus.

Chair Alcala stated he would take a part of agenda item 9 out of order. He announced that Commissioner Leonard Navarrete would not be serving a second term on the Housing and Human Services Commission and thanked Commissioner Navarrete for his service. Commissioner Navarrete shared that he will be busy traveling on business but would like to serve again in the future. Mr. Navarrete said he enjoyed serving and valued the work done by the Commission to help the residents of Chandler.

SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC

Members of the audience may address any item not on the agenda. State Statute prohibits the Board or Commission from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but the Board or Commission does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on any questions you raise.

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the Consent Agenda may be enacted by one motion and one vote. If a discussion is required by members of the Board or Commission, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and determination will be made if the item will be considered separately.

1. March 28, 2022, Special Populations Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.
2. March 30, 2022, Youth Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.
3. March 31, 2022, Basic Needs Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.
4. April 11, 2022, Basic Needs Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

5. April 14, 2022, Youth Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Heather Mattisson made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-5. Commissioner Cynthia Hardy seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Results: The motion was approved 7-0. Subcommittee Member Karen Tepper abstained.

ACTION AGENDA

6. Development of HHSC Initial Recommendation and Contingency Plan for General Fund Allocations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to City Council.

Chair Alcala introduced Community Resources Manager Riann Balch, who provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund initial funding recommendations and contingency plans made by the Basic Needs, Special Populations, and Youth Subcommittees. She explained that the purpose of this action item is for the HHSC to make one recommendation to include a contingency plan for all applications. General Fund applicants will be notified of initial recommendations, and a public hearing will be conducted on May 11, 2022, at the next Regular HHSC Meeting. General Fund final recommendations and contingency plans for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 will go to City Council for approval on June 23, 2022.

Chair Alcala recognized the subcommittees for their thorough evaluation of the proposals. The Commission discussed the recommendations made by the subcommittees and developed a combined recommendation and contingency plan as reflected in Attachment A. Should funds in an amount over what is identified in the contingency column become available, an additional recommendation will be forwarded to City Council for approval.

Chair Alcala asked if any members of the public would like to speak. Chandler resident, Leslie Minkus, 3372 E. Gemini Ct, Chandler, AZ 85249, said this is the first time he has attended a meeting of this Commission and that he had six items he would like information on:

1. A map of all homeless shelter locations in Chandler.
2. Statistics of the number of homeless individuals that have addictions.
3. The number of homeless persons who are U.S. citizens, illegal aliens, terrorists, or have criminal records.
4. The process or procedures used to transition homeless individuals to productive citizens.
5. The sources of funding used for homeless services and what percentage of that funding is from taxpayers.
6. How funding is distributed within an agency providing homeless services and the number of participants.

Chandler resident, Linda Sawyer, 1158 W. Linda Lane, Chandler, AZ 85224, said she was concerned that the funding from General Funds is going to homeless services and not traditional neighborhoods. She stated she is unable to get her alley lit because a great deal of funding goes to homeless services, making it unsafe for residents. Ms. Sawyer also felt that many of the programs being funded with state and federal funds were duplicated services. She said anyone can go to the State of Arizona for medical and dental services, so she doesn't know why the City of Chandler

funded the CARE Center Children's Medical and Dental Clinic, Dignity Health Foundation's Dental Clinic or Mission of Mercy. She stated further that the Mesa United Way's VITA Program is a duplication of services and that most funds go to homeless programs, which create problems for Chandler residents.

Additionally, Ms. Sawyer expressed that the April 11, 2022, HHSC Basic Needs Subcommittee meeting minutes were incorrect. She stated that she asked for a copy of the funding allocation spreadsheet during the meeting and that this was not reflected in the minutes. She also stated that she has not received the spreadsheet and asked what the next steps are to obtain it. She further indicated that she requested an email of all program metrics and the number of people served through the funding and has not received that either. City Attorney Kelly Schwab informed Ms. Sawyer that she would need to file a public records request for any information she is requesting. Ms. Schwab explained further that the City can only provide records they have on file, and that the City does not have access to information collected by outside agencies. On her public comment card Ms. Sawyer asked if committee members live in Chandler and recommended that residents have decision making participation for program funding. There were no other comments from members of the public.

Motion: Commissioner Mattisson made a motion to approve the General Fund Initial Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, including the Contingency Plan. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Results: Motion passed 7-0.

MEMBERS COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Julie Martin thanked Mayor Hartke and staff for the certificate and gift she received for serving on the Housing and Human Services Commission.

CALENDAR

7. HHSC Meeting Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
8. HHSC Meeting Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Outgoing Members.

Chair Alcala announced that Steve Tepper and Vanessa Dearmon will no longer be serving on the Housing and Human Services Commission. Steve Tepper was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but Chair Alcala thanked Commissioner Tepper for his service on the Commission. Chair Alcala also recognized and thanked Commissioner Dearmon, for her many years of service and contributions to the Commission. Commissioner Dearmon thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and shared that she recently graduated with her master's degree. Commissioners shared their gratitude to the outgoing commissioners and congratulations to Commissioner Dearmon on her

achievements. Ms. Balch noted that Commissioner Dearmon will continue to serve until a replacement for her position is appointed.

10. Incoming Members.

Chair Alcala welcomed new Commission member Karen Tepper. Commissioner Tepper shared with Commission members her background in behavioral health and her incoming role as CEO of Terros Health.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Dated: May 28, 2022

Tony Alcala
Commissioner Chair Tony Alcala

Monica Thompson
Recording Secretary Monica Thompson