

MINUTES
HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
230 S. Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ 85225
Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Commission Chair Heather Mattisson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Commissioners present: Heather Mattisson, Ryan Magel, Tony Alcala, Aimee Griffith-Johnson (by phone), David Gonzalez, Cecilia Hermosillo, Jeff Reynolds, and Sharyn Younger.

Commissioners absent: Lisa Loring, Julie Martin (excused), and Karen Tepper (excused).

Staff present: Riann Balch, Community Resources Senior Manager, Amy Jacobson, Housing and Redevelopment Senior Manager, Karin Bishop, Community Development Senior Program Manager, Angie Saucedo, Housing Assistance Senior Program Manager, Dylan Raymond, Management Analyst Senior, and Elizabeth Garcia, Community Development Coordinator.

Public present: None.

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. October 11, 2023, HHSC Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Commissioner David Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Jeff Reynolds seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Results: The motion was approved 8-0.

BRIEFING

Chair Mattisson requested to move briefing items 3-5 out of order. Commission Chair Mattisson made a motion to move briefings out of order. Vice Chair Ryan Magel seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Results: The motion was approved 8-0.

Commission Chair Mattisson called on Mrs. Amy Jacobson, Housing and Redevelopment Senior Manager, to present information on items 3-5.

3. Resolution Number 5752 Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Maricopa County administered by its Human Services Department and the City of Chandler to accept American Rescue program funds in the amount of \$10,000,000.

Mrs. Jacobson reported that the city secured funding from the Maricopa County Human Services Department (MCHSD) through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to allocate \$10,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support the city's Rental Assistance Demonstration program (RAD). Of this amount, \$5,000,000 will be earmarked to support the construction of the Villas on McQueen (this funding is already included in the financing sources for the project), and the remaining \$5,000,000 will be allocated to support the construction of Site 3 (73 S. Hamilton). Both properties are undergoing a transition from public housing to a Section 8 platform as part of the RAD Program.

4. Resolution Number H0177 of the Public Housing Authority Commission Authorizing the conversion of Villas on McQueen through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Rental Assistance Demonstration and Section 18 Disposition Programs.

Mrs. Jacobson shared that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) authorized and established several repositioning programs for public housing authorities, including the RAD Program, Section 18 Program, and others. These initiatives empower public housing authorities to revitalize public housing assets, foster public/private partnerships, and secure funding to enhance existing properties or construct new ones.

The Housing Authority of the City of Chandler ("Authority") has identified a city-owned property for the development of new affordable housing catering to seniors, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and families. The project encompasses 157 units of affordable housing with a diverse range of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5-bedroom units, located south of the southeast corner of McQueen Road and Chandler Boulevard. The project's objective is to facilitate the conversion and relocation of 78 public housing residents from public housing sites at 210 N. McQueen and 73 S. Hamilton to a newly constructed site named Villas on McQueen, employing a RAD/Section 18 Disposition Blend. This Project marks the initial phase of the city's redevelopment initiative aimed at transforming its public housing inventory into fresh, upgraded, and expanded affordable housing options for Chandler's residents.

Vice Chair Magel asked if residents will lose their housing vouchers. Mrs. Jacobson assured Commissioners that residents who are relocated to the newly constructed Villa on McQueen site will retain their housing vouchers.

5. 2024 Public Housing Annual Plan Calendar.

Mrs. Jacobson presented the 2024 Public Housing Annual Plan Calendar. The calendar delineates the timeline for updating the Annual Plan which describes the Authority's policies, programs, operations, and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals. Feedback will be gathered at two Resident Advisory Board meetings and a 45-day public comment period will begin January 19, 2024, and will conclude on March 5, 2024. A public hearing will be conducted February 7, 2024, at a Housing and Human Services Commission meeting. The Plan will go before the Public Housing Authority Commission for approval on April 8, 2024.

ACTION

2. Approval of 2023 Community Needs Assessment Update Priority Service Areas.

Chair Mattisson called on Ms. Riann Balch, Community Resources Senior Manager, to present information on this item. Ms. Balch explained the purpose of the Community Needs Assessment (CNA), data collection and analysis activities made to date, and key findings. Ms. Balch reported that there are several updates currently being considered for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 General Fund Allocations Process, which includes updated service priorities. Ms. Balch reviewed the four proposed 2023 Service Areas that will be used in procuring services and described the types of services that may be included in each service area, along with core services that will be given priority as follows:

Service Area	Description	Example Activities
Housing Stability and Homelessness	Programs and services designed to prevent homelessness, address housing crisis, building housing stability and promote long-term housing security.	Eviction prevention, emergency shelter, domestic violence shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, case management, housing search and selection, housing stability services, landlord engagement, move-in deposits/fees, moving services, move-in kits. Core Service: Rent and utility assistance
Health and Behavioral Health	Programs and services designed to meet physical, cognitive, and behavioral health needs.	Medical care, dental care, dementia care, substance use disorder services, mental health services, crisis intervention, suicide prevention. Core Services: Medical and dental services for children
Education and Enrichment	Programs and services designed to provide social-emotional development, educational attainment, and recreational and enrichment activities.	Early childhood development, school supplies, out-of-school programming, recreational and cultural opportunities, alternative education. Core Services: Youth facilities
Basic Needs	Programs and services designed to assist with requirements of daily	Food, transportation, clothing, hygiene, diapers, workforce development, tax preparation.

	living, enhance employability, and increase earning potential.	Core Services: Meals for older adults
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Motion: Chair Mattisson made a motion to approve the proposed 2023 Service Areas. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Aimee Griffith-Johnson asked if the education and enrichment area included GED programs. Ms. Balch confirmed that it includes GED and High School Diploma programs.

Commissioner Tony Alcala commented that he is excited about the changes. He agrees with the proposed service areas, and thinks they are easy to understand. He thanked staff for their work on this project.

Commissioner Sharyn Younger asked if behavioral health will be included in the core services under the Health and Behavioral Health service area. Ms. Balch responded that behavioral health will not be included in the core services, but that the city is receiving grant funding from the Opioid Settlement that will support behavioral health services related to substance use and other mental health issues.

Results: The motion was approved 8-0.

MEMBERS COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CALENDAR

6. December 13, 2023, HHSC Regular Meeting

INFORMATION ITEMS

Ms. Balch announced that the City of Chandler was awarded \$125,000 in Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding from Maricopa County in support of Housing Stability Services. CSBG are federal funds that focus on combating poverty, revitalizing low-income communities, and empowering individuals and families with low incomes to achieve self-sufficiency.

Mr. Dylan Raymond thanked Commissioners who participated in the For Our City Day on October 21, 2023.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

December 18, 2023

Dated: _____

Elizabeth Garcia

Heather Mattisson

Chair Heather Mattisson

Recording Secretary Elizabeth Garcia