

**HOUSING COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2019**

- The Housing Commission of the City of San Antonio met in session at the San Antonio Housing Authority Board Room, 818 S. Flores.
- The meeting was called to order at 4:06 P.M. by Paul Furukawa and the roll was called by the Administrative Assistant.

PRESENT: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Dr. Paul Furukawa, Robert Abraham, Jessica O. Guerrero, Keith Hom, David Nisivoccia, Sarah Sanchez

ABSENT: Marianne Kestenbaum, John Kenny

- Dr. Furukawa stated item #5 would be postponed to the next available agenda. Item #6 will be presented first after citizens to be heard.

1. Citizens to be Heard

Lydia Garza stated the rental assistance program is working and needs to continue and increase. She was supportive and appreciative of NHSD staff. She mentioned all the people she referred have been assisted.

- 2. Presentation on Affordable Housing Legislative Bills** – Megan Dodge, Government and Public Affairs presented a brief update and answered commission questions.

3. Minutes –March 27, 2019

COMMISSION ACTION:

The motion was made by Dr. Paul Furukawa and seconded by Sarah Sanchez to approve the March 27, 2019 minutes. Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Chair, arrived and assumed chairing of the meeting.

YES: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Dr. Paul Furukawa, Robert Abraham, Jessica O. Guerrero, Keith Hom, David Nisivoccia, Sarah Sanchez

NAYS: None

THE MOTION CARRIED

4. Director's Report - Verónica Soto, presented on:

2nd Quarter Business Plan Memo
CPC: Business Plan Update April 2019
March 27th Housing Commission Meeting Follow-up Responses
NHSD Leadership
NHSD Organizational Chart

Jessica Guerrero requested that staff provide the Affordable Housing Administrator Position description to the Commission. She also requested the presentation from Dr. Saenz of UTSA for discussion on immigration and demographics be sent to the Commission.

5. Briefing and Possible Action on the Housing Commission Goals and Priorities – Michael Rodriguez, presented

Lourdes Castro Ramirez requested that the Housing Commission goals include: anti-displacement, 30/50/60% AMI, and add an executive in the City Manager's Office to oversee the implementation of the Affordable Housing Business Plan.

COMMISSION ACTION:

The motion was made by Dr. Paul Furukawa and seconded by David Nisivoccia to adopt the Housing Commission Goals.

YES: Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Dr. Paul Furukawa, Robert Abraham, Jessica O. Guerrero, Keith Hom,

David Nisivoccia, Sarah Sanchez
NAYS: None

THE MOTION CARRIED

6. Briefing on the updated Displacement Prevention Strategy – Ian Benavidez, presented

Jessica Guerrero requested that Commission have the opportunity to review the RFP in detail. Lourdes reminded the Commission that they were there to provide guidance and recommend that the city continue as scheduled.

7. Presentation of Evaluation Criteria for CDBG/HOME Funding for Rental and Homeownership Housing Development Projects

Postponed until next Housing Commission.

Citizens to be Heard

Matthew Garcia stated the Risk Mitigation Fund implementation has not been user friendly. Application is not on the website. Also, \$1 million is not sufficient for San Antonio.

8. Discussion and possible action on future agenda items.

Discussion of the Executive Level Position
Discussion on CDBG Item
Discussion of Opportunity Zones [Index]
Presentation by San Antonio Housing Trust
Discussion Affordable Housing Dashboard

Adjournment – 5:44 P.M.