



Affordable Housing Taskforce
April 1, 2022, 2pm to 3:30pm

Meeting Location Sentinel Building
320 N. Commerce Park Loop
Tucson, AZ 85745
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Minutes

<u>Members Present</u>	Betty Villegas	Brian Swanton	Daniela Figueroa
David Godlewski	John Bremond	Karin Uhlich	Liz Morales
Maryann Beerling	Megan Heddings	Michael Guymon	Tom Litwicki
Carla Blackwell	Dennis Regnier	Jennifer Chancay	Maggie Amado-Tellez
Ann Chenecka	Kim Fitch		

Agenda

Charge: The Affordable Housing Taskforce was empaneled by the County Administrator for informing the Board’s actions and policies to improve housing affordability across Pima County. Highlight success stories, and identify evidence-based and promising practices for consideration in Pima County. Make recommendations that will meaningfully increase availability of affordable housing within metro and rural Pima County. Identify public/private collaborative pathways to improve housing affordability. Recommend a new charter for the Pima County Housing Commission that will strengthen the Board’s role in housing affordability.

- I. **Welcome:** Tom Litwicki, CEO of OPCS & Task Force Chair, 2:07pm Tom welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Jenifer Darland from CWD to talk about the task force charge.
- II. **Task Force to Affordable Housing Commission Process:** Jenifer Darland gave a brief history of the task force and stated that the task force would identify strategies, make recommendations, and identify evidence-based practices to the county administrator. The county administrator will review and then make a recommendation to the board of supervisors.

DH asked if current task force members be appointed to a commission to continue the work. JD could be a recommendation based on the task force and committee of study neighborhood/land lord liaison, etc. All based on task force recommendations and BOS approval.

- III. **Recap of March 18 Activities and Outcomes Mapping:** Angie Donelson did a review of the task force work from previous meetings. Angie informed the task force and public in attendance that the road map and timeline are on the Affordable Housing Task Force webpage. Angie also let those in attendance know that the work done in between meetings helps to meet the goals as outlined by the task force charge. Angie went through the information and presented to the task force in their lab books/handouts. Angie reviewed that the next two meetings will be talking about viable and feasible strategies that achieve outcomes.

Angie continued that last week had four themes to improve access to affordable housing, build more, mitigate impacts on most vulnerable, consider different approaches by need – no one size fits all. Bring innovation up to scale in Pima County.

Strategy planning: Build more housing; Improve access to affordable housing; bring innovations to scale within Pima County

Based on the strategies that have been identified the task force will start to identify what is viable. April 1st meeting will discuss the relationship to outcomes map; analysis of coalitions/networks of stakeholder – housing coalitions, define existing (formal and informal coalitions) identify incentives/disincentive for working together on 3 strategies; next steps/evaluation

Short Term: Identify affordable housing availability and need; identify stakeholders and incentives to address common goals.

- IV. Affordable Housing Coalitions Network Analysis: Angie instructed the taskforce to review the coalition/networks identified through the survey prior to the meeting and divided the task force into three groups: Build More; Access to Affordable Housing; Build Innovation to Scale.

Building More: Identified missing a network of transitional housing providers including faith based coalition providers; not clear, where SAHBA and homebuilders fit in; the Southern AZ Land Trust; underdevelopment and making sure that the jurisdictions are included as they are important part of the structures; PAG as a leader of discussions amongst government entities; How to bring them together? Look at the commission going forward commission and networks get together more to; undeveloped piece and working with local governments to remove barriers to development and zoning; looking at the commission moving forward as connecting those legislative and networks; develop a database to develop plans to the state; percentage of affordable housing included in applications; recommendations on current policies.

Access to Affordable Housing: Identified missing health plans – AHCCCS and different health plans, health centers, ABC Housing; AZ State Land Trust; DES, DHS, utility companies. Organizations that represent community members like tenant rights, AMA property owners, justice courts and constables, stronger connections: AMA with property owners and managers, screening criteria, challenges that individuals have to get into affordable housing, Talk about incentives that would help to increase opportunities. Possible solutions: renter insurance for those with vouchers to mitigate risk to property managers and owners, contract with health plans to help mitigate those risks.

Build Innovation to Scale: Pima County land trust, housing models, national organizations like HUD. Removing barriers for coalitions remove innovation comes from collaboration. Think outside of the traditional solutions. Strong leadership can come from government. Culture sets and how the coalitions come together to work together for actionable outcomes.

- V. Wrap up and Next Steps: Angie thanked the task force for their work and will have the information compiled for the next meeting.

- VI. Adjourn, 3:30pm

Next meeting is April 15, 2022 at 2pm to 3:30pm

All meetings are recorded. Meeting agenda, materials and minutes are posted on the Affordable Housing Taskforce webpage at <http://www.pima.gov/HousingTaskForce>

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