

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE
(AHC)**

8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 24, 2022



Meeting was held solely via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT:	MEMBERS ABSENT:	CITY STAFF:
Linda Bridge	Matthew Pinson	Rick Giron
Elena Gonzales, Chair		Jessica Herrera
Lisa Huval		Stacy Ruiz
Matthew Loehman		
Shawn Maden		
George Maestas		
Felipe Rael, Vice Chair		
Jolene Wolfey		
<u>Guests:</u>		
Leslie Naji		
Dan Foster		
Shawn Watson		

I. Call to Order and Introductions- Elena Gonzales, Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 8:32 am.

II. Changes/Additions to the Agenda

- ❖ Felipe Rael motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Matthew Loehman and unanimously carried.

III. Approval of Committee minutes of February 24, 2022 AHC Meeting.

- ❖ Linda Bridge motioned to approve the February 2022 AHC minutes with proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Matthew Loehman and unanimously carried with Jolene Wolfley and George Maestas abstaining.

IV. Committee Business

A. Committee Membership –

- Robert Cialone has vacated the Housing Building Industry seat.
- Linda Bridge has termed out. Dan Foster with Albuquerque Housing Authority plans to fill the AHA seat.
- Housing Building Industry seat is vacant.
- Low and Moderate Income Advocate seat is vacant.
- Matthew Loehman is a new member filling the position as Person with Disabilities Advocate.

B. Update on New Conflict of Interest Process for AHC

- The Conflict of Interest Certification is to be completed annually, please review, fill out and return to Rick Giron by April 1, 2022.

C. DFCS Update on Workforce Housing Trust funds-

- Current balance of WFHTF is \$5,201,335, which is the amount allocated to the Program Year 2022 Action Plan and includes Federal Funding.
- \$4,384,000.00 in HOME funding is allocated and it is anticipated that it will be put into an RFP for affordable housing.
- Work Force Housing Report is in draft form and needs internal review, once review is completed it will be sent out via email.

D. DFCS Updates on Affordable Housing –

- Luminaria Senior is near completion with certification of occupancy expected by the end of the week. Ribbon cutting will be held on Wednesday, March 30th in partnership with Albuquerque Housing Authority, City of Albuquerque and MFA.
- Hiland Plaza will begin construction in April.
- Calle Cuarta development agreement was approved by City Council and the application for low income housing tax credits has been submitted and is in process.
- Cibola Loop RFP was cancelled due to a procurement technicality. DFCS is hopeful that a revised RFP will be released in the future.
- \$5,201,000.00 of WFHTF money will be released as a general RFP.
- Scattered Site Housing RFP for vacant lots in the Barelás Neighborhood will be released in the spring of 2022.
- Other funding priorities in the 2022 Action Plan that promotes housing:
 - Homewise- \$1.2 million contract to provide affordable homeownership assistance.
 - Sawmill Land Trust- \$200,000.00 to assist low to moderate income homebuyers.
 - Albuquerque Housing Authority- \$1.1 million affordable housing preservation project to upgrade and improve public housing properties.
 - Enlace-\$536,000 for Tenant Based Rental Assistance.

- Two bills were introduced at the City Council meeting on Gross Receipts tax for affordable housing, both bills have been deferred to the next City Council meeting.
- DFCS is identifying properties for hotels or motels to repurpose for affordable housing.

E. City Planning Updates on Projects that may relate to Affordable Housing-

- Safe outdoor spaces council amendment was introduced and sponsored by City Councilors Benton, Jones and Bassan.
- Harvard School of Design student group project brings the potential of new innovative ideas.
- Community Planning assessments are in process. To receive updates, visit the ABC to Z website.
- Lomas and 1st street the City completed a storm water project, this site could be available for something as dense as townhomes.

F. DMD Updates on Projects that may relate to Affordable Housing-

- The GO Bond is at approximately \$8 million for the upcoming two-year cycle if approved by City Council.

G. MFA Updates-

- Ten applications were received for the 2022 9% round. Of the ten applications three of the projects are located in Albuquerque. The projects have been to the allocation review committee and preliminary reservations letters will be sent out.
- Three applications have been received for the 4% projects, none are located in Albuquerque.
- MFA will be receiving \$19.6 million in HOME ARPA funding specifically to be used for shelter type projects.
- ARPA FRF funding from the special session-\$15 million for energy efficient affordable housing.
- FRF funding from the regular session-\$10 million for affordable housing that does not require energy efficiency.
- Expecting approximately \$9 million for the NMHTF from the capital outlay and is hopeful to use for affordable housing.
- Beginning January 2024 expecting recurring funds based on the severance tax. There will be more information in the future.

H. AHA Updates –

- The public comment period for the five year plan ends on April 10th.

I. Housing Lending Industry Updates- No Representative, no updates received

J. Senior Citizen Advocate Updates- No Representative present, no updates received

K. People with Disabilities Updates-

- Matthew Loehman did not have an update but will in the future.

V. Announcements: No announcements

VI. Summary Decisions: N/A

VII. Public Comments (if any guests are present) – No comments

VIII. Next Meeting – May 26, 2022

IX. Adjourn

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

Chairperson's Signature:	<p>DocuSigned by: <i>Elena Gonzalez</i> 2B953A3808E04CA...</p>
Prepared by:	_____ Jessica Herrera