

San Juan County Housing Advisory Committee (HAC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Meeting was conducted via phone conference (Microsoft Teams)

In attendance: Anne Bertino; Sandy Bishop; Nancy DeVaux; Farhad Ghatan, chair; Melora Hiller; Steve Ulvi; George Zweibel

Staff: Ryan Page; Lori LeCount

Council Liaison: Christine Minney

Guests: Sally Rogers, Faith Van de Putte, Gary Franklin

Absent:

- I. Meeting called to order at 10:33 am- Ghatan
- II. Approval of Minutes –January 10, 2024
Motion: DeVaux
Second: Hiller
Approved as submitted: Unanimous
- III. Public Comments:
 - a. Farhad Ghatan noted he was invited to a meeting with the Town Feb. 15, 2024.
- IV. Announcements:
 - a. Steve reminded the group that the Land Bank is going out to voters for a renewal of its REET funding in 2024 and a battle is anticipated.
 - b. Farhad brought the group up to date on the issue of permitting for Holliwalk and refusal to grant occupancy. An administrative appeal to the Town has been made.
- V. Public Records Request Information: Sally Rogers

Sally Rogers, Council Clerk discussed the County’s response to the ongoing Public Records Request around the Argyle Lot RFQ process. As of the 2/14/24 meeting the County is responding to requests for text messages and seeking attestations for the HAC that there were no texts outside of the County email system. Texts within the County system have already been produced.
- VI. Farm Worker Housing Memo Discussion: Faith Van de Putte

Faith Van De Putte, Coordinator of the Agricultural Resource Committee updated the committee on the ongoing challenges of housing farm workers using a March 19/2021 memo to the then Council as a basis for discussion. ADU’s may offer a viable path to housing. There was discussion about next steps being the HAC to make a formal presentation to the Planning Commission about the Tiny House report.
- VII. Housing Program Coordinator Updates

Ryan gave updates on the Point in Time survey, numbers are expected soon; the Senior and Disabled Rental Subsidy program; Emergency Rental Assistance program, operated by the Resource Center on SJI; funding sources including the Opportunity Council, ACH (Accountable Communities of Health and its Collaborative Action Network), Community Foundations; recent CHIP grant for Kidder Way to cover utility hook-up costs; the Planning Commission signaling that they are ready to pursue changes to address housing issues and how the HAC can provide information to promote and encourage action, including reaching out to County communications personnel to prepare materials; and Land Bank renewal.

VIII. Planning Commission Housing Element Goals and Policies Focus

HAC ran out of time during the meeting for this agenda item, agreed to review the prepared staff material between meetings and send Ryan a list of 4-5 Housing Element Policies to share with the Planning commission to consider for areas of focus.

IX. Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday March 13th, 2024

X. Adjourn