

San Juan County Housing Advisory Committee (HAC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 10, 2024
Hybrid Meeting
Meeting was conducted in-person at the Legislative Hearing Room
and via phone conference (Microsoft Teams)

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

Staff: Ryan Page; Lori LeCount (in-person at Legislative Hearing Room)

Council Liaison: Christine Minney

Guests: Marly Schmidtke, Breton Carter, Lisa Beyers

Absent: Melora Hiller

- I. Meeting called to order at 10:33 am- Ghatan.
- II. Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2024
Motion: Bishop
Second: Ulvi
Approved as submitted: Unanimous.
- III. Public Comments: Nothing from the public at large.
- IV. Announcements:
OPMA requires place to meet in-person. The Legislative Hearing Room is reserved going forward and Lori LeCount is present to satisfy this requirement.
- V. Housing Program Coordinator Updates: Ryan Page
The County Council funded the rental assistance based on HAC’s recommendation. They also funded returning clients with ASH funds. JLSFRC reached out to DeVaux about increased need for funding for 2024 and 2025, they have projected a huge increase in funding requirements. Opportunity Council money was available through CARES Act which is sunseting. County dollars are increased in 2024.

The Host Home working group met and are taking foundational steps for action in 2024.

The San Juan Home Trust is interested in pursuing a Community Development Block Grant for loss replacement in 2024.

It is nearly the start of construction season. Lopez Village North, Fish Bay Curve, and Kidder Way will all be underway.

Page will be away for 2 weeks, remainder of April.

The HAC has a slot on the April 19 Planning Commission Meeting, Ulvi and DeVaux are willing to attend. Zweibel is willing to give the HAC presentation on tiny houses.

VI. New Initiatives Subcommittee Proposal

Motion: Zweibel moved that the HAC create a subcommittee to explore and propose action on likely ideas, (in addition to its historical function of responding to ideas brought by others). Zweibel will chair. Bertino and Ulvi will serve on the subcommittee. The subcommittee will meet to invite community members to join and report back at May 2024 meeting.

Second: Ulvi

Approved as submitted: Unanimous.

VII. HAC 2024 Retreat Discussion

A July meeting on Orcas, was discussed, perhaps a special meeting, and whether that is a forum to invite candidates for election to explore their positions on affordable housing. Meeting date poll to circulate.

VIII. 2024 Affordable Housing Awards

The process is starting to solicit projects for 2024 Affordable Housing Awards which combines funds from Very Low Income Awards (recording fee) and Affordable and Supportive Housing Awards (sales tax) \$65,000 in funding is available.

IX. Home Fund 2024 Funding Round

There will be 2024 Home Fund Funding Round (last done in 2022). The plan to have similar process and timing as the 2022 round, ie release Notice of Funds Available on June 1, six-week application window. Discussion ensued on establishing a focus esp. tiny houses village, the barrier that the lack of Director of DCD presents, scoring, whether to include 1/10 of 1% funds (plan has not yet been adopted), amounts available, and timing of funding round. After discussion Funding Round will move forward status quo.

X. Closing Remarks – Thanks were extended to Council member Minney for her participation.

XI. Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday May 8th, 2024

XII. Adjourn 12:06