

San Juan County Housing Advisory Committee (HAC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 10, 2026
Hybrid Meeting
Meeting was conducted in-person at the Legislative Hearing Room
and via phone conference (Microsoft Teams)

MINUTES

In attendance: Anne Bertino, Pat Castillo, Nancy DeVaux, Melora Hiller, Angie Lausch, Barbara Starr, and Farhad Ghatan, Chair

Staff: Ryan Page and Lori LeCount

Council Liaison: Kari McVeigh

Guests: Jess Blanch, Incoming Director of San Juan Community Home Trust, Paul Fischburg, Interim Director San Juan Community Home Trust; Lisa Byers,

Absent: None

I. Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Farhad

II. Approve Agenda

Agenda is accepted as presented.

III. Approve Minutes

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes of the May 13, 2026, as presented.

Motion: Angie

Second: Farhad

Approved.

IV. Public Comments/Announcements

No public comment.

Announcements: Kari McVeigh indicated that Sev Jones came to the Council for suggestions in prioritizing the DCD code work that would support affordable. The Council chose

Pre-approved building plans in general, and

specifically, ADU Standard updates in line with the passage of HB1345,

Rural cluster development, including tiny homes, and

Temporary housing options.

V. Housing Program Coordinator Updates: Ryan Page

a. DCD priorities– discussed above

b. Joint Town of Friday Harbor Council and County Council is meeting for the second time on June 10 to talk about short-term rentals.

c. The Council approved the release of NOFA for the Home Fund, application is live on the website.

d. The Council also approved the Affordable Housing Awards recommended by the HAC.

VI. Cold Weather Shelters Affordable Housing Awards (ASH) Grant Applications

20K requested by Orcas Island Community Church,

30K requested by United Way of San Juan County, for shelter operations on San Juan Island.

Discussion of services for Lopez residents and where the shelter space on San Juan Island would be located.

Motion to recommend that the Council approve staff recommendations to fund the applications from the Orcas Island Community Church and United Way

Motion: Nancy

Second: Melora

Approved.

VII. Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2026

Since 2009 the County has supported the Resource Centers with funds for them to use for emergency rental assistance. In 2025 each Resource Center received a grant of 15K each, funded with document recording fees. The County piloted additional rental assistance in 2024, 30K more awarded on a reimbursement basis. In 2025 60K was allocated for rental assistance. Staff recommends continuing the program for next year.

VIII. Affordable Housing FAQ Document on County website

The document is out of date. Discussion about who is the audience, should highlight all the housing programs, areas of misinformation, and rules around who qualifies for affordable housing. Melora and Pat are willing to work on updating the FAQ document.

IX. Closing Remarks

X. Next scheduled meeting: July 8th, 2026. At the August 12th meeting Home Fund applicants will make presentations to the HAC.

XI. Meeting Adjourned at 11:31 a.m.