



Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness

Christina M. Welch
Chair

Dana M. Baker
Vice Chair

2 South Green St
Sonora, CA 95370
Phone: (209) 533-5711
Fax: (209) 533-5714

FINAL APPROVED

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 9, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

<u>2021 TCCOH</u> <u>Membership</u>	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Christina Welch (Chair)	✓	✓	✓									
Dana Baker (Vice Chair, Dist 4)	✓	✓	✓									
Kelsey Stone (Secretary)	✓	✓	✓									
Jaron Brandon (BOS, Dist 5)	✓	✓	✓									
Kathleen Haff (BOS, Dist 4)	✓	✓	✓									
Rick Breeze-Martin (Dist 1)	✓	✓	✓									
Wittney Hawkins (Dist 2)	✓	✓	✓									
Tom Crosby (Dist 3)	E	✓	✓									
Jeannette Lambert (Dist 5)	✓	✓	A									
Cathie Peacock	✓	✓	A									
Leeann Hatton	✓	✓	✓									
Colette Such	✓	✓	✓									
Mary Rose Rutikanga	✓	✓	✓									
Nathan Levering	✓	✓	✓									
Nancy Scott	✓	E	A									
Shelley Muniz or Mark Dyken	✓	✓	A									
Lori Severson	✓	✓	A									
Joe Bors	✓	✓	✓									
Hazel or Dick Mitchell	✓	E	✓									

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E

19 TCHAC Members

Meeting Minutes for 9/9/2021

1. Call to Order at 9:00AM
2. Roll Call :Christina Welch, Dana Baker, Kelsey Stone, Supervisor Jaron Brandon, Supervisor Kathleen Haff, Rick Breeze-Martin, Wittney Hawkins, Tom Crosby, Leeann Hatton, Colette Such, Mary Rose Rutikanga, Nathan Levering, Joe Bors, Hazel Mitchell. Fourteen present Quorum is eleven.
3. Approval of August 12, 2021 Minutes- Supervisor Kathleen Haff Motioned Nathan Levering 2nd, Unanimous Vote passed on Sept,9th,2021
4. Public comment – Greg Popovich was present and shared he owns a building in downtown on Stockton road and would like to offer the building to be used to house the homeless if possible. He is interested in becoming part of the solution on helping get the homeless off the streets and in more stable housing as it is effecting his businesses and rentals locally.

REPORTS

Officers

- (a) Chair: Tina stated we need to hold the Elections of Officers Group agreed.
- (b) Chair: Supervisor Jaron Brandon Nominated and made a Motion for Christina Welch, Tom Crosby 2nd, Roll Call vote: All 14 Present member's voted Yes. Supervisor Jaron Brandon requested the minutes reflect Tina as our number one pick.
- (c) Vice Chair: Rick Breeze-Martin Nominated and made a Motion for Dana Baker, Supervisor Jaron Brandon 2nd, Unanimous consent Passed
- (d) Sectary: Supervisor Jaron Brandon Nominated and motioned for Kelsey Stone, Supervisor Kathleen Haff 2nd, Unanimous Consent Passed.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Housing Committee- Rick Breeze-Martin Gave an update on the formation of the housing committee the first meeting using the format will be held 10/20/21 from 2-4 pm in person and accessible via zoom. The Housing Committee is formed by the TC COH to address how to best support, coordinate and expand availability of affordable healthy and safe housing for the short, medium and long-term needs of all of our communities' homeless or near homeless. Types of housing opportunities for the Committee to address include, as appropriate and not limited to, safe, healthy and affordable shelter choices: in campsites, transitional housing, rental housing (e.g., campsites, rooms, apts., houses, etc.) and home ownership. Homeless populations come with many unique and diverse needs for housing and a variety of resources to help themselves; Housing Committee solutions will seek to develop housing opportunities that recognize and build on resources and capacity of the individual participating homeless.
The Housing Committee will establish and sustain a working relationship of support and coordination with the many different housing providers in Tuolumne County. Local housing providers include, but is not limited, to organizations that are: non-profit, government, private business, faith based, or informal community organizations.
The Housing Committee will analyze and assess the County's homeless population's range of housing needs, housing availability and affordability, gaps in healthy, safe, affordable, and available housing needing to be filled – either in additions or expansions. The Committee will, as is reasonable and feasible, help local housing providers improve the effectiveness of homeless access to housing, help providers improve capacity and develop new and innovative housing projects, identify and help providers acquire project funding for housing and/or housing assistance support. And, to help develop continuous quality improvement as a characteristic of Tuolumne County in providing safe, healthy, affordable, available and appropriate housing.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES:

(A) Navigation Center Committee, Supervisor Kathleen Haff – The meeting has not met yet the committee will be meeting on Sept, 10th, 2021 at the David Lambert center. The goal is to get shovel ready for when funding does come.

(B) Orientation Manual Committee: Supervisor Jaron Brandon wants to bring it back in two months to be completed on a google drive. The Rough Draft of the orientation Binder is completed and printing of a hard copy is in progress and organizing of the electronic copy accessible to all committee member is in the works.

(C) Emergency Shelter Committee: Dana Baker stated the sub-committee formed in July and has met five or six times. The goal is to identify property that could use the emergency shelter declaration, and continue looking for viable properties. The group has identified several property however some of the properties are not options as they lie within city limits. The various areas were land for just having an area to set up tent or have a safe parking space to park their car and sleep. The group has two items on new business to discuss further later on today. Mary Rose would like the city to be a part of the ad hoc to represent the city. OES coordinator Dore Bietz, Came to explain how the terminology of what we call the site, group or anything could affect how the group proceeds.

SPEAKERS

A) Homeless Coordinator update –Rebecca Espino stated Kellae Brown has resigned as of 8/30/21, which gave them a chance to look at the position further and see how they could better support the position and its needs. Rebecca and her team felt a social worker was needed as an addition to the position. They will start looking for the position to be filled soon. BOS has granted 41,000 to the position so it is no longer a grant-funded position.

B) County Housing Policy Committee- Supervisor Jaron Brandon – Title 17 changes are definitely something he wants us to look at.

Some major items:

- Permissive versus conditional versus prohibited uses on land
- Housing density through SB 35
- Clustered Development and Planned Unit Development updates
- Floor to area ratios, open space requirements, etc on commercial projects in particular
- Permitting process including site development permits
- Home occupations (and specifically prohibited uses)
- Wireless and cell tower construction ordinance bringing broadband to rural areas
- Cottage industries and micro-kitchens
- Sustainability standards for housing (such as water)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Review possible Commission actions- A continuation of July's exercise, this meeting time is for commission members to review sheets of proposed actions, solutions, and investigations that each address homeless issues. Members may add to them with additional proposals. Chairman Tina would like to create a map of where we are going with our top concerns and Dana Baker will meet with city council and have their input on what we are looking into doing.

B. Review and consideration- In creating Resources and Funding Ad Hoc Committee originally purposed in August meeting. Rick Breeze Martin made a motion to create a Resources and Funding Ad Hoc Committee, Supervisor Jaron Brandon Seconded. Tina Called a roll call vote: Jaron Brandon Yes Kathleen Haff No , Tom Crosby No, Wittney Yes, Dana Baker Yes Hazel Mithchell Yes, Nathan Levering Yes, Christina Whelch Yes,

Mary rose No, Joe Bors Yes, Collette SuchYes, Leann Hatton Yes, Kelsey Stone Abstain. With 9 in favor 2 Abstain and 2 Nah's the motion is granted to create the Resources and Funding Ad Hoc Committee. ATTCA has delegated Denise Clowder to be a part of the committee, Rick Breeze Martin, And Supervisor Jaron Brandon have all identified as members for this committee.

NEW BUSINESS-

A) Review and consideration of proposal from Emergency Shelter Ad Hoc Committee for outdoor shelter site recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Dana stated our role is to bring public feed back to our committee we are not the decision maker just bringing back information from our community members to be include with proposals we decide to take to the BOS. Motion to create an Emergency Shelter Ad Hoc committee made by Dana Baker Denied and Amended Dana Baker accept the proposal with Ricks request, with removing option C(see prior attached plan), as well as bringing the propose back to the commission before going any further. Original Motion amended by Rick breeze Martin - As long as all plans are brought back to future HOC commissions he'll gladly second it. New Motion Seconded By Supervisor Jaron Brandon Vote :

Consideration of request from Emergency Shelter Ad Hoc Committee to
Hold a public forum event to invite input on future shelter locations
Item pushed to next Month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Need to be looking to fill the vacancies for our homeless representation on our commission.

National alliance to end homelessness in Sept 22 if anyone is interested in going contact Tina Welch

ADJOURNMENT

Tina Welch adjourned meeting at 11:36 am

The Board of Supervisors Commission on Homelessness serves as an advisory group to the Board of Supervisors for matters related to homelessness.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Community Resources Agency at 209-533-5633. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (28CFR Part 35 ADA Title II).