



## Community, Housing, & Human Services Board

April 6, 2022, 4:00 p.m.  
Teleconference Meeting

**Vision:** To provide opportunities that enhance the quality of life for Spokane's extremely low to moderate income population.

<b>TIMES GIVEN ARE AN ESTIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>	
<b>4:00 – 4:10</b>	<b>Call to Order – Board Chair</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval of Agenda: <b>ACTION</b></li> <li>2. <b>Public Comment</b> – Please restrict comments to items relevant to the CHHS Board</li> <li>3. Approval of the February and March meeting minutes: <b>ACTION</b></li> </ol>
<b>4:10 – 4:30</b>	<b>Board Education</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mayor's Homelessness Plan</li> </ol>
<b>4:30 – 5:30</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ERA 2 Funds from Commerce</li> <li>2. VOA Youth Shelter CDBG Funding: <b>ACTION</b></li> <li>3. Continuum of Care Workgroup Report</li> <li>4. Board Members' Requirements – Conflict of Interest and Public Meetings Act</li> <li>5. Recruiting New Board Members</li> <li>6. Future Meetings – Virtual or In-person</li> </ol>
<b>5:30 – 5:40</b>	<b>Director's Report</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staff Overview</li> </ol>
<b>5:40 – 5:50</b>	<b>Updates</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. City Council</li> </ol>
<b>5:50 – 5:55</b>	<b>Committee Updates</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Affordable Housing Committee</li> <li>2. Evaluation and RFP Committee</li> </ol>
<b>5:55 – 6:00</b>	<b>Announcements – Don't forget to do your Public Meetings Act training!</b>
<b>6:00</b>	<b>Adjournment – Board Chair</b>

### 2022 Board Meeting Schedule

All Board meetings are held via Microsoft Teams from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Join by phone: 1-323-618-1887 Access Code: 571 655 302#

January 5	July 6
February 2	August 3
March 2	(Retreat) September 7
April 6	October 5
May 4	November 2
June 1	December 7

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<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Jan. 5</b>	<b>Feb. 2</b>	<b>Mar. 2</b>	<b>Apr. 6</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>Jun. 1</b>	<b>Jul. 6</b>	<b>Aug. 3</b>	<b>Sep. 7</b>	<b>Oct. 5</b>	<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Dec. 7</b>
Adriane Leithauser	X		X									
Anne Stuyvesant-Whigham	X	X	X									
Barry Barfield	X	X	X									
Betsy Wilkerson – Council Member	X	X	X									
Bob Hutchison		X	X									
Gordon Graves	X	X	X									
Ike Okoli												
Jason McAllister	X											
Jeri Rathbun	X	X	X									
Jonathan Bingle – Council Member			X									
Kathleen Torella – County Rep	X	X	X									
Kathryn Alexander	X	X	X									

### **STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING INFORMATION**

**Affordable Housing Committee:** Second Tuesday of each month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Arlene Patton, Adriane Leithauser, Phil Altmeyer, Andy Hoyer, Mark Muszynski, Patricia Kienholz, Gordon Graves, Diane Zemke, Barry Barfield, Michone Preston

**Evaluation & Review Committee:** Schedule TBD

Anne Stuyvesant-Whigham, Jeri Rathbun, Kim Taylor, Diane Zemke, Arlene Patton, Sara Clements-Sampson, Rowena Pineda

**Executive Committee:** Third Wednesday of each month, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Jeri Rathbun, Adriane Leithauser, Barry Barfield, Bob Hutchinson, Kathryn Alexander

**CA/CD:** First Tuesday of each month, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Refer to <https://my.spokanecity.org/chhs/> for more information on Board-related meetings and events.

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## Housing Action Subcommittee CA Liaison Report February 17, 2022

CHHS critical:

- Assess the points criteria to assure that RFPs are supporting Spokane's needs
- Assess the application of the newly developed Housing Racial Equity Impact Assessment to our RFP process
- Create a focused approach to gap funding
- Also see the 'working the Jenn' below.

The meeting started with the announcement that the 'middle' housing bills had not passed.

### Working Group Reports

*Increasing Housing Supply* – Gaining a better understanding of zoning, housing types, and how planning works, land use processes and code changes.

*Preserving Affordability & Quality* – no report

*Equitable Access* – Tenancy rights, getting translations of policy and programs, working on HB1590 and that funds use. Discussions of the RFP process and how the points used support Spokane's goals. Discussion about how to make resources more available and partnering with the Tenants Union for workshops.

*Leverage and Grow Partnerships* – No report

*Equity Framework* – Shared a draft

Ben Stuckart made the point that the city has about \$12 million in funds that are already allocated to affordable housing, but that those funds have not been utilized for several years.

According to National statistics the average ratio of population to housing is 1.14, in Washington it is 1.06, and in Spokane it is .09 – one of the lowest in the nation.

Legislative HB 1866 will allow physicians to prescribe housing as a way to address mental health.

As part of rapid acquisition projects should have a list of hotels to buy – owners often raise the price. *Increasing Housing* working group should step up to deal with this.  
Steve, Brian, Kathryn, Gene, Ben agreed to look at commercial possibilities.

Spokane needs to modernize city codes as the state attempt didn't pass.

Work with Jenn to:

- begin stacking funding for the 1590 RFP process
- Planning tools for allocation
- Develop regional collaboration
- Include home and ARP funding
- Manage the length of the funding cycle
- Better use the 2022 \$4.1 million and the annual \$6 million of funds

Correct discrimination

CHHS to develop a strategy to address gap funding – who is in charge of this? There is a need to bring in private funding to add to affordable housing – 2.5% of funding is administration costs

Need to develop a tenant option to purchase

### **HAS – Preserve Housing Working Group, Feb. 24, 2022**

Teri Anderson – Tenants need more support to prevent losing their homes

The bill to allow for 6 months' notice did not pass

Tenants need money to move as well as time to find a new place to live

Motion made to send a recommendation to the larger group to request of City Council that Spokane pass an ordinance to provide Spokane tenants a 6 month notice and money to move, where appropriate. – **Passed**

Gene Blake reported on his attendance at the last Community Standing Committee – Land Use

Nathan Gwain is proposing to expand the areas for short-term rentals, hoping to get more licensed. Gene offered to do research on who in Spokane is offering short-term rentals in a effort to make it easier for Spokane to actually get them licensed. He expressed concern that we are losing housing and will continue to do so, if short-term rentals are expanded.

Gene recommended:

A registry similar to the Foreclosure registry for short-term rentals

A moratorium on new short-term rentals

Adding a third category for owners who are renting out a portion of their homes so that they can be protected and not be affected by regulations that pertain to buildings that are being used exclusively for short-term rentals

Motion was made to do research on the impact of short-term rentals on housing capacity and then to make a recommendation to the larger group to request City Council implement some of these suggestions. – **Passed**

Teri Anderson – expressed concern about neighborhood councils and their resistance to the concerns of renters. She is advocating for the Renters Commission. She is suggesting the use of the Housing Racial Equity Impact Assessment, just developed and still in draft form, by Equity Framework working group, in other areas of the city, perhaps also including neighborhood councils. She believes that neighborhood councils should be representative of the city population and mentioned that Seattle abolished their neighborhood system for just that reason.

Motion was made to bring a recommendation to the larger group - **Passed**