

*The Vision of the TC COH is that Tuolumne County has adequate safe, healthy, and affordable shelter and housing options for all of the people that live in Tuolumne County.*



TC CoH Commission on Homelessness  
Housing Committee Meeting  
Thursday, April 21, 2022

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Breeze-Martin called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Colette Such, Joe Bors, Rick Breeze-Martin  
Absent: David Goldemberg (*excused absence*)  
Staff Present: Michael Roberson, Homeless Services Coordinator; Heather Ryan, Board Clerk;  
Christina Cunha, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board

**III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

a) Colette Such made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2022, Joe Bors seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Colette Such, Joe Bors, Rick Breeze-Martin

b) The March 17, 2022 meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m. due to lack of quorum. Joe Bors made a motion to approve the minutes, Colette Such seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Colette Such, Joe Bors, Rick Breeze-Martin

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Amy Lane, Deputy Director of Housing for ATCAA introduced herself.

**V. REPORTS:**

Officers:

a) Chair Breeze-Martin: No Report

b) Vice-Chair: No report. Chair Breeze-Martin noted that the Vice-Chair is no longer on the committee and suggested tabling a vote for a new Vice-Chair to the next meeting when Supervisor David Goldemberg is present. Colette Such said she would be willing to be Vice-Chair, however her term with the City of Sonora will end July 5<sup>th</sup>.

## AD-HOC Tasks Assignments

a) Affordable Housing Opportunities Work Plan Development:

Chair Breeze-Martin reported he is actively recruiting for volunteers. Joe Bors requested clarification. Chair Breeze-Martin clarified.

b) Housing Planning and Permitting Policies Review Work Plan Development:

Chair Breeze-Martin requested input as the leader of this task is no longer on the committee. Joe Bors mentioned that the BOS Housing Policy Committee meets monthly to address Housing Planning and Permitting Policies Review Work Plan Development. Chair Breeze-Martin noted the focus for this task is different, more of a reviewer or auditor of the BOS Housing Policy Committee activities in terms of impacts on the homelessness population. Michael Roberson requested further clarification as to how an Ad-Hoc. committee will review the BOS Housing Policy Committee which is ongoing. Chair Breeze-Martin Rick responded that the development of a work plan will determine the process. Discussion ensued regarding housing permits and practices and creating a way to a review process. It was noted the search is on for volunteers to assist with a work plan to be done by September.

b) Shelter and Housing Organizations Liaison and Coordinating Work Plan Development  
Colette Such did not have a report.

## VI. SPEAKERS: No Speaker

Chair Breeze-Martin requested speaker recommendations for upcoming meetings. Joe Bors suggested having someone from the BOS Housing Policy Committee speak about their focus and activities. Chair Breeze-Martin stated he will suggest the suggested speaker to the Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness.

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Continued discussion for possible action on the Commission approval of a fourth focused work area for the Housing Committee for 2022 – Opportunities to expand emergency and transitional shelter beds.

Chair Breeze-Martin reported that the Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness approved the new focus work area at the April 14<sup>th</sup>. With no comment, this item will be tabled until May meeting.

b) Continued discussion for possible action on availability of affordable housing in Tuolumne County.

Chair Breeze-Martin asked for questions, comments, or concerns regarding task. Michael Roberson noted redundancy across the State and County and stated some examples specifically regarding affordable housing. Discussion ensued regarding minimum wage and affordable housing. Colette Such asked about section 8 housing. Others commented on pieces of information regarding section 8 housing requirements. Bors conducted a google search on affordable housing rates and stated the

results were California affordable housing cost is defined as 30% of gross income. Chair Martin-Breeze added a comment stating this amount does not include the cost of utilities. Joe Bors noted two recently approved affordable housing units in Tuolumne County.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion and possible action on the Board of Supervisors’ strategic retreat outcomes as it impacts the Commission on Homelessness and its standing Housing Committee

Joe Bors noted to his knowledge the Board Strategic Goals are still in draft form. Michael Roberson noted that the Board has had a series of meetings to discuss Board priorities, objectives, and action items. At the last meeting, some of the Board’s focused items on homelessness were a Housing Specialist in the Community Development Department, the establishment of a County Staff Housing and Homeless Working interdisciplinary team to coordinate efforts which he has been tasked with running point, apply for CDBG Home Funding, and establish an outdoor shelter. Also, the Board will be looking at realigning their committee and commissions to provide clarity and alignment across the organization.

In light of this review, Michael Roberson suggested having one focused AdHoc task assignment for the Housing Committee at a time to be able to complete a task and move on. Chair Breeze-Martin noted he does not support the suggestion. Joe Bors commented that he had previously expressed duplication of efforts and noted his support for recruiting others to help as he is already overwhelmed. Colette Such stated that much of what Michael Roberson stated made sense and noted the duplication. She also mentioned having four focused areas is very ambitious.

- b) Update on engaging additional Commission members to be Housing Committee members:

Chair Breeze-Martin reported that Supervisor David Goldemberg is a new member of this committee as requested at the last Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness Meeting. He will make another request at the next meeting. Joe Bors suggested he reach out to Tina Welch, Chair of the Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness Meeting to also assist with recruitment efforts. Colette Such asked a clarifying question regarding LeeAnn Hatton’s status of a member on the Housing Committee. It was noted she is no longer on this committee, but is still a member of the Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness

## **IX. Committee Members’ input to the next meeting agenda**

Michael Roberson suggested having a discussion regarding narrowing the scope and focus of the AdHoc tasks area assignments. Chair Breeze-Martin indicated he will place the item on the next agenda for discussion, reframed as a discussion on the AdHoc’s Scale of Effort.

## **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Breeze-Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:59 PM