

*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 Housing Committee Meeting  
Thursday, January 20, 2022

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

By Chair at 1:04 PM

II. ROLL Call:

Members Present: Rick Breeze-Martin, Tom Crosby, LeeAnn Hatton, Joe Bors, Colette Such.  
Commission Chair: Tina Welsh (*ex officio committee member*)  
Staff: Tracy Riggs, County CAO (*representing County staff*)

*Note:* Supervisor Brandon no longer assigned to TCCOH, Supervisor Goldemberg considering participation if his calendar will support.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Draft Minutes of Nov. 18, 2021 meeting; motion to approve by Tom Crosby, Second by LeeAnn Hatton,

*Aye:* Tom Crosby, LeeAnn Hatton, Rick Breeze-Martin,  
*No:* *none*  
*Abstain:* Joe Bors, Colette Such.

Motion carried

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No external public attending.

CAO Riggs communicated that she was attending on behalf of County Staff as the TC COH County Homelessness Staff member is still being sought for hire.

V. REPORTS

Officers:

a) Chair *None*

b) Vice-Chair

Highlighted Continuum of Care (COC) presentation, requested for COC Governance Board representation and potential link to this committee. Shared the beginnings of a "Symposium on Housing" being launched by private community interests (not local government).

c) AD-HOC COMMITTEES *None*

## VI. SPEAKERS

- a) Central Sierra Continuum of Care (CA 256) - Joe Bors and/or Denise Cloward Continued from Nov. 18, 2021 meeting: Denise was not present, Joe indicated he didn't have anything to add to the previous presentation. He was asked about and described where committee members might find more information about funding processes including documentation that may be found at the COC and mentioning the "County Standard Housing RFP process", he noted that Rebecca would be a good contact for more detail. He was asked about HMIS status and indicated that there was no new status information from last meeting, and that the State was tightening up its scrutiny of HMIS compliance. Some members noted interest in pursuing these links regarding funding processes.
- b) Mary Rose Rutikanga, City of Sonora: Mary Rose was invited to speak with the Housing Committee however was not available for this meeting.

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Continued consideration and possible action on potential future speakers (*Tabled to Feb. by Chair*)
- b) Continued discussion for possible action of the Nov. 18, 2021 item VIII a) regarding the draft Housing Committee work plan with objectives and quarterly benchmarks

Current work plan elements in the model for discussion were highlighted by our Chair for prioritizing and framing discussion. He indicated that the model for discussion was beyond the Committee's current capacity, and 4 work areas from prior discussions were proposed for 2022. He indicated two of these areas are consistent with two of the Commission's approved 2022 work list, and the other two have been part of the Committee's discussions. The 4 areas of work are:

- Opportunities for more affordable housing;
- Review housing planning & permitting policies, procedures and regulations as they relate to homelessness;
- Community partners based sanctioned outdoor shelter program;
- Liaison, communications and coordination with shelter and housing resource organizations in the County.

The Committee had a brief discussion and exchanged opinions, doubts, and ideas about the work of 2022 as framed and described.

CAO Riggs left the meeting indicating she was logging off to prepare for interviews and left a chat comment that:

- Reminded the commission members they are part of a TC BOS Committee subject to County policies and regulations;
- Indicated that if the group is interested in more flexibility, then looking into creating a community stakeholder group and going outside the County might be prudent;
- Indicated that addressing local ordinance and planning is subject to County policies and regulations.

The CAO's chat comments were read out. The Chair reminded the Committee that all of its work is expected to adhere to appropriate County authorities, policies and regulations; they are givens. The Chair wrapped up this Agenda item enthusiastically indicating the Housing Committee will begin work on its 2022 tasks through ad hoc task assignments at its February meeting. He will be making assignments for specific ad hoc task needs on Committee 2022 work to be done, and he cannot draft members, no Committee member is required to accept a work task assignment.

- c) Continued discussion for possible Committee Chair action of creating an Ad Hoc Sanctioned Shelter Work Group (draft Ad Hoc Work Group formation wording attached).

TC COH Chair established that current Outdoor Shelter Ad Hoc would remain active through “winter”. Committee Chair reminded us that Ad Hoc rules will require some kind of reorganization of the Outdoor Shelter effort and we need to address this. Committee Chair tabled this item until February anticipating that more status information will be available by then.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 2) Update on the Board of Supervisors (BOS) letter from the Commission’s leadership about BOS support of the Outdoor Shelter Ad Hoc Committee’s intent and efforts

Joe Bors summarized his views of the BOS presentation and deferred to Tom Crosby. Tom summarized his observations from a document created for the Outdoor Shelter Ad Hoc committee responsible for the presentation and follow-up with County staff. An important component was an outline of next steps including providing input to staff for discussions with BOS at their upcoming offsite annual strategic discussion, and the path that input to staff will follow.

- b) Follow up from discussion with County Counsel regarding adding non-voting community members to the Housing Committee and to its work task assignments or ad hoc committees

Chair shared the outcome of a discussion with County Council that a Standing Committee can include non-voting members. And, the Standing Committee Chair can form an Ad Hoc committee or task assignments that can also then have non-voting participants. He also indicated that he understands a subset of those Ad Hoc non-voting participants can be members of TCCOH (as long as they are not members of the Standing Committee, and neither a Committee quorum nor a Commission quorum is established).

- c) Discussion with possible action regarding the Commission’s Housing Committee formation language and related scale and scope of work to be done by the Committee.

This discussion generated a lot of interest and surfaced a wide range of views, surfacing some frustration in how best to align and make progress. To be continued.

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

No input was provided for the Feb. agenda

## X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made

## X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 2:57PM