

**City of Fresno
Disability Advisory Commission
Housing Subcommittee
DRAFT - UNAPPROVED
Minutes of the March 24, 2023 Meeting**

Subcommittee Members Present: Erica Camarena, Jerry Zuniga, Brandon Sisk, Marla Williams, Marc Brady (1:35pm)

ADA Coordinator: Joe Hinojosa

DAC Secretary: Diane Longoria

Absent: Glenna Gammel, Jillian Gaytan, Karen Jenks

1. Call to Order.

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

2. Approval of the March 24, 2023, DAC Housing Agenda.

By motion of Member Marla Williams and seconded by Member Brandon Sisk, the agenda was approved as amended with a change to the presentation portion. ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa will be giving the presentation on behalf of Adrienne Louis.

3. Approval of the Minutes

ID 23-512: Approval of the January 27, 2023, DAC Housing Subcommittee Minutes

By motion of Member Brandon Sisk and seconded by Member Marla Williams, the minutes were approved as written.

4. Member Reports and Comments

Member Jerry Zuniga spoke about current State grants that will be instrumental for various upcoming projects. He stated that

(4) applications were approved for 11M dollars. These dollars would go towards shelter operations. An agreement will go before council March 30th on tenant landlord counseling. He briefly spoke about the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan which can be viewed by going to Fresno.gov/housing. This annual action plan will go before the council on April 27th for adoption.

Member Erica Camarena stated Code Enforcement will be out at Viking Elementary School located at 4251 N. Winery Ave. on March 29th between 1:30pm-4:00pm to provide information to the community and to establish a good rapport with those in the neighborhood.

Member Brandon Sisk had questions for committee members regarding housing and disability and how this information can be shared with the community.

5. Secretary and ADA Coordinator's Report

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa will be sending out a presentation from Tyrone Williams, the CEO of Fresno Housing Authority who spoke at the March 9th Council meeting. The presentation centered around affordable housing and addressing homelessness.

6. Unscheduled Communication/Public Comments

No public comments.

7. Presentations

ID 23-513 Presentation by Adrienne Louis from RICV on Fair Housing Act Community Educator

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa presented on behalf of Adrienne Louis. The presentation focused on two main goals:

- 1) Prohibit discrimination in housing based on race, religion, color, and national origin.

2) Replace existing patterns of residential racial segregation.

Fair housing laws protect everyone from housing discrimination. There are other federal civil rights laws that prohibit housing discrimination when federal financial assistance is involved. Also, everyone is required to abide by the same laws. This includes landlords, rental management companies, and leasing agents. Finally, it is illegal to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, in sale or rental housing.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.