

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS
COUNTY OF MAUI
ON-LINE VIA BLUEJEANS
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hudson at 1:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Wendy Hudson, Chair
George Kaimiola, Vice-Chair
Faith Chase
Lisa Darcy
John Decker
John Tomoso
Zhanell Lindo
Joyce Kawakami

Excused:

Henry Costales
Mary Trotto

Present Staff:

Lori Tshako, Director
Mimi Desjardins, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Pili Nahooikaika, Secretary

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no public testimony presented.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Formation of subcommittees and temporary investigative groups (TIG)

Commissioner Darcy proposed forming a temporary investigative group to look into the following issues:

- Digital divide
- Hygiene stations
- Mobile charging stations
- Safe parking

Commissioner Decker proposed forming a subcommittee for the following issues:

- Mental illness
- Resource mapping

The Commission discussed forming subcommittees relating to the following issues:

- Compassionate response
- Redefining terms
- Cultural recognition
- Safe sleeping, storage
- Substance abuse
- Government policies
- Felonies
- Networking with non-profit agencies

Commissioner Kawakami moved and Commissioner Kaimiola seconded the motion to form a Resource Mapping subcommittee with the scope and purpose to identify different governmental and community agencies that work with homelessness, and report to the commission on identifying the relevant entities and agencies, and how the commission can support them as well as make recommendations to the council and the department of housing and human concerns on how to strengthen collaboration between these entities. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lindo moved and Commissioner Tomoso seconded the motion to form a Diversified Housing Solutions subcommittee with the scope and purpose to make recommendations to the council and the administration to support a diverse residential environment and historical, cultural, and traditional living initiatives and solutions.

Commissioner Lindo moved and Commissioner Decker seconded the motion to form a Social and Community Impacts subcommittee with the scope and purpose to provide policy recommendations to the council and the administration on community priorities for holistic mental health, social, environmental, cultural, and economic impacts that affect or are directly related to housing and homelessness.

Commissioner Chase moved to establish a Sustainable Housing TIG with the scope and purpose to include monthly reports of findings to the following active working government bodies: Maui County Affordable Housing Committee, the newly formed Maui Department of Agriculture, Maui County Department of Public Works, Department of Environmental Management, Department of Waste Water Reclamation, and the Department of Housing and Human Concerns with the intention that these entities may operate with improved preparedness on action priorities. The motion was deferred to the next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Schedule of upcoming meetings for the remainder of the year

Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 23, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

- Identification of stakeholders in the community involved with homeless issues

Chair Hudson commented that she felt the Resource Mapping Subcommittee that just formed earlier in the meeting is already tasked with identifying the stakeholders. She asked the Commission if there were any objections to not addressing the identification of the stakeholders at this time. There were no objections.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hudson adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.