

COMMISSION ON HEALING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS
COUNTY OF MAUI
ON-LINE VIA BLUEJEANS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lindo at 1:30 p.m.

Present:

Zhantell Lindo, Chair
Rochelle Kim Tempo, Vice Chair
John Tomoso
Lisa Darcy
Lisa Kahaleauki
Faith Chase
Charleen Naomi Crozier (joined meeting at 1:35 p.m. due to technical issues)

Excused:

Saul Kahihikolo

Present Staff:

Lori Tshako, Director of Housing & Human Concerns (arrived at 1:42 p.m.)
Mimi Desjardins, Deputy Corporation Counsel (DCC)
Kimberly Ferguson, Secretary

A quorum was present. Prior to proceeding with the items on the agenda, Chair Lindo welcomed new Commissioner Lisa-Ann Kahaleauki. Chair Lindo also acknowledged the resignations of Commissioners Trotto, Decker, and Hansen and thanked them for their service.

1. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ALL ITEMS

There was no one present online or at the physical location to offer public testimony at the beginning or at any time during the meeting.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2.31.080 (A) Requiring the council to review operations of the commission within 18 months after its first meeting and (B) requiring an annual report to council - The Commission is to submit a report to the Maui County Council by October 29, 2022.

i. Approve content of draft

Chair Lindo informed the group that the Commission's letter requesting an extension was sent to and received by Councilmember (CM) Johnson. A letter was received from CM Johnson stating an extension was not required; however, Corporation Counsel confirmed that the annual report was to be submitted by October 29, 2022. Chair Lindo informed the members that they would go through the content and wordsmith as needed.

Discussion:

Chair Lindo asked Commissioner Darcy to discuss her edits to the Commission's draft report on Google Docs. Commissioner Darcy explained her edits to the introduction of the report and the reasoning behind it.

Chair Lindo read a proposed revised version to the Commission.

Chair Tomoso commented that what was being read was not the version shared with the group and that he didn't think opinions and editorializing should be included. Chair Lindo responded that the intent was to review and come to a consensus on the proposed content of the report.

DCC Desjardins asked if a draft copy could be shared with the public. Chair Lindo asked staff if it was possible to put the draft up via the share screen function.

Commissioner Chase commented on the proposed language in the introduction and suggested adding two related topics as agenda items for a future meeting.

A copy of the draft report which was previously sent via email to all members was shared for all to view. Chair Lindo proposed going through the draft and if members could not agree on proposed verbiage, it would be deleted.

Commissioner Darcy commented that she realizes what's written is uncomfortable. She does not agree with eliminating something because people don't agree, and perhaps the report could note that the Commission is not in agreement.

Chair Lindo stated she would go through the draft section by section and go with what the majority agrees with.

Commissioner Tomoso commented that words like "benign" need to be revised.

Commissioner Tempo agreed with the Chair - simplifying the verbiage would be beneficial to all.

Commissioner Darcy defined the word "benign" and also commented that not everyone participated in the writing of the report. Chair Lindo replied that she

is confident that the report was there and if members didn't comment, that they were okay with the content as is. Chair Lindo proposed that rather than debate the draft, members could each testify at the November 17th meeting since a written report is not required.

Discussion ensued with DCC Desjardins on how the Commission could deliver an oral report. DCC Desjardins' understanding was that members would designate a representative to act as the spokesperson to relay the essence of the report orally or to be available to answer any questions. DCC Desjardins also clarified that commissioners can testify on their own personal behalf but cannot speak on behalf of the commission. DCC Desjardins also suggested that the Commission could ask a councilmember to sponsor a Resolution formally extending the deadline for submittal of annual report so the Commission had time to complete a written report so there's something memorialized for the public to look at. She also reminded that Commission that the report should contain recommendations and the practicality of implementation.

Chair Lindo entertained a motion to relinquish the draft report and have members testify and/or give an oral report to council on November 17th and a representative would be available for questions for discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Darcy, seconded by Vice Chair Tempo to relinquish work on written draft and instead offer oral report to Council on November 17. Commissioner Tomoso asked for clarification of the motion on the floor. Chair Lindo clarified her intent was to obtain consensus on the content but it appears that was not going to happen, so the motion was made in an effort to move forward and decide on the method of reporting at the November committee meeting.

DCC Desjardins stated that whether written or oral, the Commission must vote and agree on the content of the report and who would present on the commission's behalf.

Commissioner Chase asked if the rest of the document would be reviewed and stated she would be in favor of requesting a Resolution. DCC Desjardins explained the process.

Chair Lindo reminded the members there was a motion on the floor. DCC Desjardins reiterated that the original motion was to forgo the draft written, deliver an oral report to council in November, and designate a representative, with members being able to testify on their own behalf should they choose.

There was no further discussion. Chair Lindo called for the vote. Commissioners Lindo, Tempo, Chase, Darcy (with reservations), Tomoso, Crozier and Kahaleauki voted in favor. Commissioner Kahihikolo was excused. Motion carried.

Chair Lindo then entertained a motion that the Commission only report on the Medical Outreach recommendation to specifically address the requirement of the law. Motion moved by Commissioner Tomoso, seconded by Vice Chair Tempo. Voting yes were: Lindo, Tempo, Darcy, Tomoso, Crozier, and Kahaleauki. Commissioner Chase did not cast a vote and was excused, as was Commissioner Kahihikolo.

Discussion:

Commissioner Tomoso agreed with the motion and asked if the motion included who will do the reporting.

Chair Lindo clarified that the motion pertained to the content, specifically reporting on the Medical Outreach.

Commissioner Darcy asked if information had been provided and requested the Department resend information a week ahead of the meeting. Director Tsuhako confirmed that the information previously submitted for the draft report was accurate and there have been no updates.

There was no further discussion. Chair Lindo called for the vote. Commissioners Lindo, Tempo, Darcy, Tomoso, Crozier and Kahaleauki voted in favor. Commissioners Chase and Kahihikolo were excused. Motion carried.

Chair Lindo entertained a motion to select a representative to give the report. Commissioner Tomoso moved that Chair Lindo and/or Vice Chair Tempo be the representative(s) to go to the meeting of the Council on November 17 to give this report in person for and on behalf of the Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Darcy.

There was no further discussion. Chair Lindo called for the vote. Commissioners Lindo, Chase, Tempo, Darcy, Tomoso, Crozier and Kahaleauki voted in favor. Commissioner Kahihikolo was excused. Motion carried.

Chair Lindo asked if anyone wanted to entertain a motion regarding the written report since there was a lot of time invested into the draft. Vice Chair Tempo asked what the due date would be next year. Chair Lindo replied that her understanding was it would be due 18 months from its first meeting of April 29th. DCC Desjardins suggested choosing a date since there was no real due date and sticking with it moving forward.

Vice Chair Tempo moved that the Commission complete the draft written report by April 29, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Crozier.

Discussion:

Commissioner Tomoso asked that each commissioner participate in the review and indicate so by initialing as he did.

Vice Chair Tempo replied that she did not initial as she agreed with what was written, had nothing to add, and knew there was going to be discussion but believes that at the end of our report, all of the commissioners should at least initial or sign the bottom.

Commissioner Darcy agreed and asked each commissioner to initial if they were okay with content so there was no confusion and the commission could move forward.

Commissioner Chase commented that she liked number 5b and shared her thought that the Sustainable Housing TIG and others were not specific to healing so moving forward, she would try to reach for the healing space within her TIG.

Chair Lindo asked Vice Chair Tempo to restate the motion on the floor which was to complete the draft written report by April 29, 2023

There was no further discussion. Chair Lindo called for the vote. Commissioners Lindo, Chase, Tempo, Darcy, Tomoso, Crozier and Kahaleauki voted in favor. Commissioner Kahihikolo was excused. Motion carried.

3. DHHC Updates

A. Status update on the \$250,000 Council appropriation to hire a team of experts to draft a Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness

DHHC Director Tsuhako reported that the department issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the \$250,000 for the plan to end homelessness. The procurement will close on October the 28th. Thus far, the Department of Finance has indicated that two proposals have been submitted and that there has been a total of two additional inquiries made about the RFP.

Discussion:

Chair Lindo asked if the Commission would have an opportunity to review the proposals and make comments. Director Tsuhako replied that could possibly be arranged; however, she had concerns about confidentiality and would also need to consult with the Department of Finance as they oversee the procurement process. Chair Lindo clarified her request and suggested that perhaps the Commission might not be involved during the procurement stage but once the grant has been awarded,

she requested the Commission be allowed to be a part of the planning process to the extent that it wouldn't be hindering.

Commissioner Tomoso stated he was bothered that the commission wasn't involved with 1) the development of the RFP, 2) when it was going to be published, and 3) when the RFP was due. He was also upset that the Department never asked the Commission for advice or opinions and stated that he was embarrassed that as a commissioner he had no knowledge of the RFP when asked by faith community members and colleagues.

DCC Desjardins reminded the Commission that according to the law, the Commission doesn't have a right to interfere with the Department's operations.

Chair Lindo clarified the process and explained a lot of the time Council initiates projects during budget season and appropriates funding like this with specific verbiage that directs the Department in the way it needs to move forward. If Commissioners want to have a say in the process, it should be at the Council level, as once the item is with the Department, it becomes the administrative duty of the Department. Chair Lindo also encouraged the commissioners to foster a relationship with the entity that appointed them as commissioners.

Commissioner Tomoso clarified that he did not want to be involved in the RFP process and that he just wanted to be informed and requested that someone from the Department be at each meeting.

Commissioner Darcy asked Director Tshako for the timeline for receiving the actual proposals and also for decision making.

Director Tshako responded that she would email the timeline for the RFP to the Chair who could in turn transmit it to the commission. Director Tshako asked to offer some clarifying remarks and noted that someone from the Department has been at every meeting and that updates on the larger projects have been provided. She also apologized if it wasn't made clear and stated that the department will do a better job of ensuring that those projects are complete with as much detail to the commission, as the Department is able to provide.

Commissioner Chase voice her frustration that having agency representation distorts the work of the commission and there's a layer of conflict as recommendations made closely affect the agencies and wishes that the commission had some community members that weren't so closely tied to agencies so input would be more objective.

Chair Lindo commented that the commission needed a ho`oponopono but until that time agrees that there were different solutions and the makeup of the commission

could be different but until that time, the commission needs to make the best of it for the benefit of the community.

4. NEXT MEETING

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting was scheduled on the Thanksgiving holiday so Chair Lindo suggested rescheduling the meeting. There was a discussion on staff and conference room availability, followed by member's availability during the last week of November and meeting start times. Chair Lindo entertained a motion with proposed dates of November 30th as the Commission's first choice and if not, then November 29th, both beginning at 12:30 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Tomoso, seconded by Vice Chair Tempo. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Members will be notified via email once a meeting location and date is confirmed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lindo adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken.

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