



City of Anaheim Housing Element Update Committee (HEUC) Meeting Summary

Thursday, September 9th, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual; Zoom

The City of Anaheim (City) hosted the seventh meeting for the HEUC (Committee) on September 9, 2021. The Committee meeting started at 5:30 p.m. Below is a summary of the meeting.

Attendance:

Committee members present: Maggie Downs, Tim Graham, Natalie Rubalcava, Linda Lehnkering, Benjamin Hurst, Cesar Covarrubias, James Lott, Elizabeth Hansburg (alternate to James Lott), Mitchell Lee, James Lawson, Adam Wood, Rob Mitchell

Committee members absent: Rachael Mask, Todd Ament, Rochelle Mills, Thomas Fielder, Christina Cota

City staff present: Susan Kim, Bianca Alcock, Charles Guiam, Niki Wetzel, Andy Nogal

Consultant team present: David Barquist, Molly Mendoza

Interpretation staff present: Michelle Díaz, Omar Garza

City staff and the Consultant team welcomed Committee members, took committee roll and informed the public of the availability of Spanish translation. Additionally, the Consultant reviewed the agenda for the evening.

1. Roles and Responsibilities of the Committee

The Consultant team provided an overview of the expected roles of Committee members as well as roles of the public during the Committee meetings.

2. Housing Element Progress to Date

The Consultant team provided an overview of the Housing Element update progress to date, including the following:

- A timeline of the update process
- An overview and summary of each of the outreach opportunities to date, including:
 - Community Workshops
 - Online community survey
 - HEUC Meetings
 - Technical Focus Group Meetings
 - City Council 1 on 1 briefings

- Planning Commission, Housing and Community Development Commission and City Council Workshops
- Public Review Draft Release
- A summary of key findings and key feedback

3. Public Review Draft

The Consultant team then provided an overview of how to access and comment on the draft document. And provided a walk-through of the following document components:

- The community profile (Section 2)
- Housing constraints and resources (Section 3)
- The adequate sites analysis and strategy (Appendix B), including:
 - A summary of the RHNA
 - The City's approach and strategy for meeting the RHNA
 - A summary table of total land capacity in Anaheim to accommodate the RHNA
- The Housing Policy Program (Section 4) and a draft program structure

Finally, the Consultant provided a visual step by step guide for accessing the public review draft and submitting comments. Following the presentation, the Consultant team open the floor for committee questions and comments.

4. Open Committee Member Q&A

The Consultant team and City staff opened the floor to comments and questions from Committee members; comments were received verbally and through the Q&A feature in the zoom webinar. Below is a summary of all committee comments:

- If you download the document it is very large, so if you are going to send it out to the community consider this first.
- The constraints document did not mention the scenic corridor – can we double check if this overlay was missed as it may have an effect on housing?
- At the beginning of the AFFH (affirmatively furthering fair housing) section, the document says that people should have access to the same housing situations – is that by state mandate?
- The goal of AFFH is to further economic inclusions.
- The analysis of AFFH should get us to a place where there are recommendations about fair housing.
- We should be trying to identify disparities in access to opportunity.
- One general comment – it would be helpful when outlining programs to indicate which ones are new and which ones are continued.
- I think it would be helpful to do quantified objectives the programs and add some specificity to clarify.
- There was not much discussion on the situations that create homelessness and that should be included, specifically there should be information about how the RHNA plans for permanent supportive housing.

Following Committee comments, the Committee Chair opened the floor for public comment, none were received.

5. Next steps

The Consultant team provided an overview of next steps for the update process, information on future public engagement opportunities and the public review draft. The Consultant team also provided the tentative date of the next HEUC meeting.

6. Adjourn

The Consultant team called the meeting to a close at approximately 7:15p.m.