



# Housing And Human Services Committee Agenda

## OHRA Tour & Meeting in the OHRA Conference Room

2350 Ashland St, Ashland, OR 97520

Note: Anyone wishing to speak at any Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee meeting is encouraged to do so. If you wish to speak, please rise and, after you have been recognized by the Chair, give your name and complete address for the record. You will then be allowed to speak. Please note the public testimony may be limited by the Chair.

**August 28, 2025**

## SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

- I. **MEET AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE OHRA CENTER:** 4:00 p.m.
- II. **TOUR CDBG FUNDED PROJECTS:** 4:15–5:15
- III. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Approval of June 26, 2025, Minutes
- IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - A. Community Event Discussion Continued (5:15–5:45 p.m.)
- V. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
  - A. Liaison Reports
  - B. General Announcements
- VI. **AGENDA BUILDING – Future Meetings**
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT: 6:00 p.m.**

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# Housing And Human Services Committee Minutes

**June 26, 2025**  
REGULAR MEETING  
Minutes

<b>Commissioner's Present:</b>	<b>Council Liaison:</b>
Echo Fields	Bob Kaplan
Montana Hauser	
John Maher	
Noah Werthaiser	<b>Staff Present:</b>
Montana Hauser	Linda Reid; Housing Program Specialist
Ashley Laube	<b>SOU Liaison:</b>
<b>Commissioner's Absent</b>	Vacant
Vincent Tufts	
Jim Dykstra	

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** 4:06 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of May 22, 2025, Minutes**

Werthaiser/Laube .M/S. Voice Vote: ALL AYES. The minutes from May 22, 2025, meeting have been approved with the correction of removing Rich Rohde from the attendance portion of the minutes.

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM** (4:05-4:15 p.m.)

**A. Public Forum.**

- N/A

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Climate Friendly Areas Update:**

Brandon Goldman, Community Development Director presented on the provisions of the newly adopted Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Ordinance which might be of interest to the Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee.

**B. Beach Creek RFP Review and Recommendation**





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Jessica Therkelsen, executive Director for Trusted Homes, provided a brief presentation of the proposed application and answered several questions. John Maher provided a written motion with discussion points.

**JM/NW -M/S**, *"I move that the City of Ashland reopen the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of six single-family homes in the Beach Creek subdivision. This decision is based on the evaluation of the sole proposal received from Trusted Homes and Taylored Elements Construction, which, while promising in some respects, presents several material risks and weaknesses. These include concerns regarding the non-profit sponsor's limited organizational track record, and lack of experience with restricted affordable housing, unconfirmed project financing, and potential challenges in integrating the proposed affordable homes into an existing neighborhood context. Reopening the RFP process will allow the City to solicit additional proposals that better meet our goals for permanent affordability, high-quality design, and equitable neighborhood integration".*

The motion was seconded for the purpose of discussion. **Voice vote; Motion failed.**

**NW/AL-M/S**, *Forward a recommendation to approve the Trusted Homes application for award of the Beach Creek property development request for proposals by the City Council.*

**Voice vote; five in favor, and one opposed.**

### **C. Outreach Event Discussion**

It was suggested that the workgroup reach out to Science Works to see if the event can be held there. Maslow Project expressed an interest in being a part of this year's event. Additional participants suggested included Talent Maker City, Ashland Scouts, and Rogue Credit Union. Laube and Werthaiser volunteered to serve on the outreach event workgroup.

### **D. Update from Sunstone**

Krista Palmer, Executive Director for Sunstone Housing Collaborative, provided HHSAC with an update on the housing development in coordination with the school district.

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. City of Medford Affordable Housing Toolkit Review and Discussion**

The Committee liked the toolkit and felt that the most likely action that the



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HHSAC could take to support the development of need housing types would be to host another affordable housing bus tour, create a myth busters handout, and a toolkit for how to talk to neighbors and community members about affordable housing, potentially as part of the Equitable Housing Plan.

### **VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **A. Liaison Reports**

Councilor Kaplan presented the Council report.

#### **B. General Announcements**

### **VIII. AGENDA BUILDING – Future Meetings**

- Update from Noah about funding from the State to address Homelessness
- Welcome and introductions from new members.

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT: 6:10 p.m.**

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# Memo

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DATE: August 28, 2025

TO: Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee

FROM: Linda Reid, Housing Program Manager

DEPT: Planning

RE: Community Resource Event Planning Continued

Community Resource Fair discussions to include:

- Reviewing the attached form and selecting your preferences.
- Other discussion items as determined by the Community Event Coordinator.

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H&HSAC Fall Event - Back to School Event

Location

- Library - **Check Recommended Timeframe (Official Date Pending)**

*FYI - Last Meeting was Weds 5-7p*

- Weekend
- Monday 2pm-4pm
- Monday 4pm-6pm
- Tuesday 2pm-4pm
- Tuesday 4pm-6pm
- Thursday 2pm-4pm
- Thursday 4pm-6pm
- Friday 2pm-4pm
- Friday 4pm-6pm
- Other:

Winter 2025 Discussed or Live Event Participants - **Check Those You Want to Return**

- Resolve
- Legal Aid
- Jackson Country Housing Authority - Eric Janoski
- Derek Sherrell
- Home Share
- Credit Counseling
- Jacob Ghena
- ACCESS
- Habitat for Humanity
- Sunstone
- Trusted Homes
- Coalition Fortaleza
- Rogue Retreat
- Unite
- Utility Billing
- Maslow

- NAMI
- ODHS - James Hawley-Rose
- Jackson County COC
- 211 Info
- WRAP/CERT
- Ashland COmmunity Food Bank
- Jackson Care Connect
- Rogue Credit Union

Fall 2025 Additional Participants:

- Maslow - Interested in Participating - Waiting on Date/Location
- Goodwill Job Connections - Interested in Participating
- Ashland Library - Interested in Participating
- La Clinica Street Outreach Team
- Housing Authority of JC
- Rogue Valley Mentoring
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Additional Recommended Activities:

- Talent Maker City
- Face Painting
- Food Trucks
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