



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

Thursday, March 18th, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual – Zoom

The City of Anaheim hosted the first meeting for the HEUC on March 18, 2021. The Committee meeting started at 5:35 p.m. Below is a summary of the meeting.

Attendance:

Committee members present: Cesar Covarrubias, Steve Lamotte, Rob Mitchell, Rochelle Mills, James Lawson, Maggie Downs, James Lott, Mitchell Lee, Tim Graham, Natalie Rubalcava, Linda Lehnkering

Committee members absent: Todd Ament, Benjamin Hurst

Staff present: Joanne Hwang, Susan Kim, Andy Nogal, Bianca Alcock

Consultant present: David Barquist, Molly Mendoza

1. Introductions

Staff welcomed Committee members and each member provided a short introduction. Staff then introduced the Housing Element Update Team.

2. Roles and Responsibilities of the HEUC

Staff provided an overview of expectations, roles and responsibilities of Committee members including:

- Providing input based on expertise
- Review of draft documents
- Advocating the Housing Element Update, and
- Attendance and participation in monthly meetings

Staff then provided information on how to coordinate with the Housing Element Update Team and set expectations for access to a local online shared folder and when to expect documents and deliverables. Staff then opened the meeting for nominations or volunteers for the Committee Chair and Co-Chair positions, as well as provided an overview of duties for each position. The follow Chair and Co-Chair volunteered and were voted in:

- Committee Chair: Mitchell Lee
- Committee Co-Chair: Rochelle Mills

3. Overview of the Housing Element Update Process

The Consultant team provided an informational presentation of the Housing Element and the update process. The presentation included the following information:

- What is the Housing Element?
- Overview of Housing Element components
- Overview of RHNA and the City's unit allocation
- Community participation opportunities and a tentative timeline

4. Housing Visioning Exercise

The Consultant team provided a visioning exercise utilizing a live polling tool. Below is a summary of questions posed to the committee and a short summary of responses:

In one word, describe your vision for the future of housing in Anaheim?

- Affordable (a common response)
- Accessible
- Growth
- Abundant
- Vibrant
- Family oriented with parking
- Urban
- Total support

What are you most hoping to contribute as a Committee member?

The following themes encompass a variety of responses from Committee members:

- Interest in diversity and representation
- Focus on affordability
- Input from the development perspective
- Input from a resident perspective
- Advocacy for a variety of housing types accessible to all people in the community

What information would you like from Staff/Consultant Team before the next meeting?

- A plan for ensuring fair and open discussion of issues in which team goals are in conflict
- Current projects in the pipeline
- Number of housing units built in each district.
- List of projects that have been denied and why
- Housing statistics for the city
- Progress report for all projects
- Progress of last Housing Element
- Cost to develop and build an average unit.
- Housing Element Progress Report
- Progress of last housing element; what were barriers to completion?
- Provide a copy of the last plan.
- Current housing stock, average price of home.
- How many affordable and accessible units are available to residents (to date)?

What three goals/ideas would you like to see incorporated into the Housing Element update process?

The following themes encompass a variety of responses from Committee members:

- Opportunities for people at different income levels
- The benefits housing has on communities
- Policies that guide smart and balanced development
- Accelerated development and permitting processes
- Beautiful and well-designed affordable housing

5. Future HEUC Meetings and Next steps

Staff provided a schedule for upcoming HEUC meetings and tentative topics for future meetings.

6. Open Committee Member Q&A

Staff opened the floor for Committee questions and provided responses to the questions. The following are summary themes of questions received:

- How is affordability determined?
- Where and when will additional information be available?
- How will the community be engaged?
- How will the City accommodate the RHNA?
- How and when will policies be enacted?
- What is the timeline of the update?

7. General Public Comment

Staff opened the floor for public comments and questions, and provided responses to the questions. The following are summary themes of questions received:

- Is there a selection criterion for the Committee?
- What is the HEUC process to incorporate public input?
- How will the numbers from the 5th cycle and progress from that cycle reflect in the upcoming cycle?
- How will the City facilitate the new allocation?

8. Next steps

Staff provided an overview of next steps for the update process.

9. Adjourn

Staff called the meeting to a close at 7:05 p.m.