



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

Thursday, April 15th, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual – Zoom

The City of Anaheim hosted the second meeting for the HEUC on April 15, 2021. The Committee meeting started at 5:30 p.m. Below is a summary of the meeting.

Attendance:

Committee members present: Cesar Covarrubias, Rob Mitchell, Rochelle Mills, James Lawson, Maggie Downs, James Lott, Mitchell Lee, Tim Graham, Natalie Rubalcava, Linda Lehnkering, Adam Wood (alternate to Steve Lamotte), Benjamin Hurst (partial participation), Rachael Mark (partial participation)

Committee members absent: Todd Ament

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

Consultant present: David Barquist, Molly Mendoza, Rossina Chichiri

Staff welcomed committee members and a member of the public brought forward a discussion regarding Spanish participation. Staff opened a breakout room with Spanish translation for participants who needed translation services.

1. Community Workshop #1 Review

The Consultant team provided an overview of the first community workshop to the committee members. The Summary included the following:

- Total number of participants;
- Key topics of the workshop presentation;
- Community feedback and participation exercises; and
- Summary of community input and ideas

Staff opened the floor for Committee questions. Committee members asked questions and provided comments regarding the following topics:

- Keep comments and questions after each topic to the committee members and allow public comments at the end, public comments may provide comments in the chat
- Interim status update of the Community Survey and participation
- Review of initial community feedback

2. Draft Document Status

The Consultant team provided background information and summary overview of the status of the draft Housing Element Document, including the following:

- **Review of Past Performance** – Purpose of the document and evaluation of programs for continuation into the 6th cycle Housing Element
- **Community Profile** – Background information on the demographic analysis as it is related to and incorporated into the Housing Element
 - Overview of sample demographic and housing data in Anaheim
 - The Committee provided initial comments on housing opportunity areas including housing near transportation, housing near existing infrastructure, housing opportunities in varied areas of Anaheim, and workforce housing
 - Committee member Lehnkering requested information on the median household income for Anaheim
 - Committee member Covarrubias requested a review of the Annual Progress Report (APR) for 2020
- **Sites Analysis Process** – Overview of the framework and requirements by state legislation and a review of the RHNA allocation by income and an overview of the adequate sites analysis process to identify appropriate site

Staff then provided an overview of the City's APR for 2020, as requested by the committee.

3. 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:

- Request for staff to provide summary of APR and how it compares to other jurisdictions in the region as an item on future agenda
- Request for a summary of previous policies as determined by 5th Cycle HEUC
- Discussion about steps and requirements to make affordable housing feasible
 - The need to explore ways to 1) increase funding for affordable housing; and 2) create opportunities for government support and funding
- Discussion about ways to give affordable housing priority and attract other funding
 - How to get federal funding and investment into Anaheim

4. 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 in both the Spanish and English participation room:

- Questions about the waiting list for Section 8
- Comments about the HEUC process, and the information provided to the HEUC
- Comments about the income levels of past housing projects
- Comments encouraging Low cost methods for housing development
- Concerns about a lack of information and access to affordable housing options

5. Next steps

Staff provided an overview of next steps for the update process, information about the Public Forum on May 25th and the time and date of the next HEUC meeting.

6. Adjourn

Staff called the meeting to a close at 7:45 p.m.