



# County of Santa Cruz

## Housing Advisory Commission

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### DRAFT MINUTES HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023  
**TIME:** 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Coastlines Meeting Room  
County Government Center  
701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 520  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

#### REGULAR AGENDA

##### 1. Roll Call, Call to Order

Bryan Chambers served as Chair and called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Commissioners Present: Bryan Chambers, Amanda Harris-Altice, Katharine "Kate" Minott, Rose Marie McNair, Darius Mohsenin, John Skillicorn, and Kent Washburn

Commissioners Excused: None

Commissioners Absent: Sibley Simon, John Flaniken, Rose Marie McNair, John Skillicorn

Staff Present: Matthew Sundt, Policy Planner; Suzanne Isé, Principal Planner, Tracy Cunningham, Housing Specialist III,

Public Present: Kristen Brown, Vice Mayor Capitola, Bill Sembrat, and PK Hattis, Jennifer Duffy, Hello Housing, ADU Incentives Program Administrator (via speaker phone)

##### 2. Announcements

*Suzanne Isé announced that applications to enter the lottery for affordable rental opportunities at Bienestar Plaza, located at 1520 Capitola Rd. in Santa Cruz, were currently being accepted by the MidPen Leasing Office. A press release with further details is attached to the Agenda and also available in hard copies for the Public.*

##### 3. Additions and Corrections to Agenda:

*Agenda item 5, Administering the Commissioners Oaths of Office was canceled and will be rescheduled for a later date.*

May 3, 2023, HAC Meeting

*Agenda Item 11. The Next HAC meeting date was corrected from July 7, 2023 to July 11, 2023.*

4. **Oral Communications:** Members of the Public may address the Commission on items not on the agenda.
5. **Oaths of Office** *Canceled and will be rescheduled.*

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

6. **Approval of the Minutes**  
**Action:** Approved March 1, 2023, Minutes  
**Motion:** Minott      **Second:** Washburn  
**Motion Passed:** 6 - 0 – 4, with 4 absences

#### **PRESENTATION(S)**

7. **Launch of New County Incentives ADU Program**  
*Jennifer Duffy, President of Hello Housing, gave a presentation on the new County ADU Incentives Program. Printed Brochures on the County ADU Incentive Programs were available to the public.*

#### **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

8. **Progress on the 2023 Housing Element Update**

*Matthew Sundt, Policy Planner provided an update on the community engagement process for the 2023 Housing Element Update, and demonstrated the new online interactive mapping exercise related to the Housing Element known as Balancing Act, available in English and Spanish at the links below.*

*[https://santa\\_cruz\\_county\\_housing.abalancingact.com/InteractiveHousingPlan](https://santa_cruz_county_housing.abalancingact.com/InteractiveHousingPlan)*

*[https://santa\\_cruz\\_county\\_housing.abalancingact.com/PlandeViviendaInteractivo](https://santa_cruz_county_housing.abalancingact.com/PlandeViviendaInteractivo)*

*Commissioners asked questions and commented on the presentation.*

9. **Housing Activities Update**

*Suzanne Isé, Principal Planner, provided a quick update on the construction progress of several affordable housing developments such as Bienestar Plaza and Pippin II.*

#### **WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

10. [Press Release on Bienestar Plaza \(Attachment III\)](#)

*A copy of the Press Release on Bienestar Plaza was provided to the HAC members and the Public.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

11. Vice Chair Chambers adjourned the meeting at 2:28 pm.