



CITY OF NOVATO
CALIFORNIA

**Housing and Homeless Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 - 5:00 PM

**922 Machin Ave
Novato, CA 94945**

Chair

Will Meecham

Vice Chair

David Fariello

Members

Mark Brand

Melissa Davis

Lucie Hollingsworth

Staff Liaison

Bill Rose, Assistant City Manager

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF THE FINAL AGENDA

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

All members of the public wishing to address the Housing and Homeless Committee are welcome. There is a three-minute time limit to speak although the Chair may shorten the time based on the number of speakers or other factors. A speaker may not yield his or her time to another speaker.

For issues raised during Public Comment that are not on the published agenda, except as otherwise provided under the Ralph M. Brown Act, no action can legally be taken.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by a single vote of the Committee. There will be no separate discussion unless specific items are removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action. Any Committee Member may remove an item from the Consent Calendar and place it under General Business for discussion.

D.1 Approve the Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025

E. UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

These items include significant and administrative actions of special interest and will usually include a presentation and discussion by the Housing and Homeless Committee. They will be enacted upon by a separate vote.

F.1 Presentation from Clare Hartman, Community Development Director on the Draft Tenant Protections Ordinance

G. COMMITTEE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM(S)

This section is used for Committee Members to orally report on topics that can be considered for discussion at a future meeting. Items must have been sent to staff 10 calendar days prior to the meeting to be included in the agenda.

H. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

H.1 Staff Liaison Report

H.2 Committee Member Reports

I. ADJOURNMENT

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Stacey Hoggan, Management Analyst



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Housing and Homeless Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – 5:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by staff at 5:01 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Mark Brand, Melissa Davis, David Fariello, Lucie Hollingsworth, Will Meecham

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Bill Rose, Management Analyst I Stacey Hoggan

B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Committee Action: Upon a motion by Committee Member Fariello, and seconded by Committee Member Davis, the Committee voted 5-0-0-0 to approve the final agenda.

Ayes: Brand, Davis, Fariello, Hollingsworth, Meecham

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received

D. CONSENT ITEMS

D.1. Approve Special Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2025

Committee Action: Upon motion by Committee Member Fariello and seconded by Committee Member Brand, the Committee voted 5-0-0-0 to approve consent items.

Ayes: Brand, Davis, Fariello, Hollingsworth, Meecham

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

E. UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

E.1. Housing and Homeless Committee 2026 Meeting Calendar

Housing and Homeless Committee (HHC) members received a report detailing the upcoming 2026 calendared meeting dates.

E.2. Tiny Homes Initiative Ad Hoc Committee Update

Committee members reviewed updated information provided by the Ad Hoc Committee. Members discussing outreach to additional community partners, as well as staff connecting with neighboring municipalities to better understand available local support and how other agencies are navigating similar challenges.

The Committee discussed the feasibility of long-term housing options versus transitional supportive housing solutions. Members emphasized the need to prioritize housing for individuals who are most impaired and face significant barriers to accessing existing systems. Discussion centered on identifying the appropriate target population, understanding their specific needs, and considering approaches that would be supported by the broader community.

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

F.1. Presentation from Home Match Program Director, Joseph Shumake

Committee members received a presentation from Home Match Program Director Joseph Shumake. Home Match is a community service program affiliated with the nonprofit Front Porch that connects individuals seeking housing with homeowners who have available rooms and/or accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The program is designed to reduce social isolation, increase housing stability, and strengthen community connections.

Home Match currently serves Marin, Contra Costa, Alameda, and San Francisco counties. The program helps offset homeowner costs through rental income and offers task-exchange opportunities that can reduce rent expenses for participants. Home Match facilitates detailed “living together agreements” between participants to clearly outline expectations and responsibilities and to support risk mitigation.

Committee members engaged in discussion, asked clarifying questions, and provided comments regarding the program.

Public comment received

F.2. Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to Discuss Emergency Shelter Options

Staff and Committee members discussed the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to focus on emergency shelter options for unhoused and vulnerable community members, as well as potential options for temporary sheltering during natural disasters.

Committee Action: Upon a motion by Committee Member Hollingsworth and seconded by Vice Chair Fariello, the Committee voted 5-0-0-0 to establish an Ad Hoc Emergency Shelter Committee to explore feasibility, appointing Committee Members Davis and Brand to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Ayes: Brand, Davis, Fariello, Hollingsworth, Meecham

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

G. COMMITTEE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM(S)

Commissioners requested that staff place an item on the March 11, 2026, agenda to establish an ad hoc committee to create an anti-displacement ad hoc, related to the 2025/26 HHC Workplan.

H. COMMITTEE AND LIASON REPORTS

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly adopted at the Housing and Homeless Committee Meeting of _____, 2025.

/ Stacey Hoggan /

Stacey Hoggan, Management Analyst I