



Annual Report
Affordable Housing Committee
2020-21

The committee is composed of Beth Bardwell, Chair; Kathy Brook, Don Kurtz; Chris Little; Vicki Simons; Christie Sorg; and Sharon Thomas.

During the past year, the committee has worked to update its understanding of local affordable housing issues and identify policies and financing mechanisms to advance affordable housing in the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. It is in the process of working out ways that we may effectively advocate.

We have spoken with the following agencies:

- The City of Las Cruces Housing Staff
- Tierra del Sol
- Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority
- City Consultants for Consolidated Plan
- The State Land Office

In addition, the committee has observed meetings of the Housing Authority, the City Policy Review Committee for housing issues, and relevant meetings of the City Council. The committee submitted comments to the City and consultants for the update of the 5-year Consolidated Plan regarding programs and activities funded by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

There were questions at the meeting about whether the committee was focused on the nonprofits. Chris responded that the committee is well aware of the important contributions of Habitat for Humanity and the Community of Hope. FYI runs a youth shelter, My Friend's Place, which is largely supported by federal funding. La Casa also provides housing to clients.