



City of San Leandro

Civic Center
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Draft Minutes

Human Services Commission

Chair Zachary Borja, District 6
Vice Chair Tiare Peña, District 2
Jane Ann Abelee, At Large (5)
Peggy Combs, District 5
Darlene Daevu, District 4
Moir Fry, District 1
Mary Gordon, At Large (5)
Susan Snell, District 3
Vacancy, At Large (2)

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

7:00 PM

City Hall, Sister Cities Gallery

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:09PM

Present 5: Borja, Gordon, Snell, Combs, Abelee, Pena (Late)

Absent 2: Daevu (excused), Fry (excused)

Additional attendance: City Staff - Tom Liao (Community Development Director), Maryann Sargent (Senior Housing Specialist), Kimberly Anderson (Housing Specialist II)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Snell
Second: Commissioner Gordon
Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2023

Motion: Commissioner Snell
Second: Commissioner Gordon
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 1

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Naranjo informed the Commission that no public comments were received via eComment; the Commission was advised by email this morning.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

No actions taken. Naranjo provided the following updates on the CAP/CDBG Grant Program: Naranjo shared that today marks an important day in the City's CAP/CDBG Grant Program. On behalf of the City, he extended gratitude to the Human Services Commissioners for all the work with this process. In addition, the City is very grateful to the organizations for showing interest in the grant program, as well as all the work they do to support the health and wellbeing of San Leandro residents. He shared that the Commission will use today's information as well as the information provided in the applications to make recommendations to the City Council regarding awards. The staff have collected helpful information regarding the proposed projects from each organization but may be following up in the weeks to come if there are any questions, or if there is any additional information needed.

Naranjo informed the Commission that on Monday, February 20th, Commissioner Sermeño gave notice to the City Clerk about his resignation from the Human Services Commission. Naranjo expressed gratitude for the contributions he made during his time with the Commission and wished him well.

Naranjo informed the Commission that on February 6th, the City welcomed twenty interns who will join various City department teams for the next 6 months. The Human Services Department has two. Luz Palacios and Ariadne Cachero. Ariadne will be supporting this commission. The interns are part of Year Up, which is a National Program that offers a variety of skill-based job training pathways that match the expertise businesses are seeking with their talent pool. From IT and software development to business operations and banking & customer success, Year Up provides a broad range of job training pathways. Year Up is a 3-step job training program that takes 1 year or less to complete. The first phase of the program takes place in a classroom setting where they learn ins and outs of their specific training pathway and develop professional and personal skills alongside a community that empowers them to reach their full potential. In the second phase of the program, they are placed into an internship where they apply their newly acquired skills. Finally, upon graduation from Year Up, support staff will guide them through every part of their job search to ensure success. The program has shown success with 80% of alumni being employed and/or enrolled in college within 4 months of graduation.

7. CAP/CDBG APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Ten organizations provided ten-minute interviews for the CAP/CDBG Grant program, five minutes dedicated to an overview of their services and a brief history of their organization and five minutes dedicated to answering questions from the Commission. The organizations present: Calico, Davis Street Family Resource Center, East Bay Agency for Children, Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity, Family Violence Law Center, Ruby's Place, Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments, Seneca, Service Opportunity for Seniors/Meals on Wheels, and Spectrum.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. REPORT OF CHAIR

Borja extended gratitude to applicants, Commissioners, and staff for all the support with this process. He informed the Commission that volunteering opportunities will be added to a future agenda once the grant process is complete as well as the topic of rent control.

11. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Abelee shared that she enjoyed the presentations and commented that it helped her review of the grants. She looks forward to successfully completing this process. She shared that her understanding is that the funding is both CAP and CDBG funding.

Commissioner Combs expressed satisfaction with keeping to the schedule during the meeting. She also acknowledged the disconnect between increase cost shared by the applicants and the funding amount available. She recommended that a conversation happen in the future regarding using general funds to increase the funding available for this grant program. Lastly, she pointed out that two previous agencies did not apply, but that there is one new agency.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Snell
Second: Commissioner Combs
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0

Adjournment: 8:59PM