

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES GALLERY ROOM
MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

PRESENT Chair Trujillo, Commissioners Aguilar, Carino, Cassidy,
Onyemem, Sanchez, Sarafian, Snell and Secretary Cutter

ABSENCES None

GUESTS

Liz Varela, Building Futures with Women and Children
Jeanette Dong, Recreation and Human Services Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF JANUARY 27, 2016

MSC (Sanchez/Cassidy) to approve agenda, moving guest speaker, Liz Varela to after public comments. (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2015

MSC (Sarafian/Aguilar) to approve minutes as submitted. (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain)

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

CORRESPONDENCE None

ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

- Update on Homeless Services in San Leandro

Jeanette Dong shared her experience of the Homeless Taskforce's visit to the San Leandro Creek and to San Francisco's Navigation Center. Director Dong will inform the commissioners about the next site visit to the San Francisco Navigation Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Site Visit Schedule for 2015-16

Secretary Cutter handed out a copy of the 2015-2016 site visit schedule and requested all commissioners please email Kika Myers, Recreation and Human Services Administrative Assistant, to RSVP. Commissioners Onyemem and Snell are unable to make Friday visits and request a schedule change for later visits. Commissioner Cassidy is only able to attend site visits during the summer.

- Site Visit Report: Building Futures with Women and Children

Chair Trujillo shared a few highlights from the Site Visit to Building Futures with Women and Children and mentioned Liz Varela covered most of the details in her presentation tonight. Commissioner Sanchez requested Ruby's Place Site Visit be added to next month's agenda.

- Next Site Visit:

Secretary Cutter announced the next site visit is at CALICO, 524 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro CA, on February 5, 2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Eden I & R –Monthly Reports (April – December) and Annual Auditor’s Report

Secretary Cutter explained the Eden I & R Monthly Reports are the same reports that were distributed in September. This was the final distribution of reports to make sure all new commissioners had current copies.

NEW BUSINESS

- Guest speaker Liz Varela with Building Futures with Women and Children

Liz Varela, Executive Director of Building Futures with Women and Children presented a brief description of Building Futures with Women and Children and shared the work they have been doing for the San Leandro Warming Shelter. From November 27, 2015 through January 27, 2016 the Warming Shelter has been open 34 nights serving 72 unduplicated guests. The Warming Shelter is a collaboration of April Showers/Interfaith Homeless Network and Building Futures to provide San Leandrans dinner, a place to sleep, and breakfast. The Warming Shelter is open when weather is forecast to be 40 degrees or colder or rain is predicted.

- Update on Human Services Gap Analysis

Jeanette Dong presented the draft scope of services for the Human Services Gap Analysis and asked for feedback. Commissioner Snell would like to add a timeframe for the analysis of future trends.

REPORT OF CHAIR

Chair Trujillo shared her experience with her colleagues having a hard time adjusting to change in culture at the work place as the cities culture changes around them.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

- Commissioner Onyemem wished the group Happy New Year and asked about Commissioner Paul Sanftner. Chair Trujillo shared with the Commission, unfortunately Sanftner resigned because he moved out of San Leandro.
- Commissioner Sanchez- no report
- Commissioner Aguilar shared a brief overview of the Floresta Gardens Neighborhood group Coffee with the Cops event. The neighborhood association and residents enjoyed hearing about the current events in the Police Department and building the relationship with the officers.
- Commissioner Carino shared her experience over the holidays of helping collect and distribute care packages for the homeless through the Ashland REACH Center and SoulCiet.org. Carino also suggests the Spectrum site visit location be changed to a program location instead of the Hayward Office. Last year during the site visit, the group was able to hear about the programs, but it would be beneficial to see the programs.
- Commissioner Snell- no report

- Commissioner Cassidy commended Liz Varela on a great presentation and expressed her wish for the July site visit to be changed to another organization. Since she is only available during the summer and she has already visited SOS/Meals on Wheels.
- Director Dong announced the San Leandro Senior Community Center was open during the winter break to include additional program for the first time. While the Senior Center was open for 3 days for Spectrum Lunch Services staff hosted a movie with popcorn and guest speaker from the Alameda Health Systems.
- Secretary Cutter shared the City of San Leandro Employees did their first employee food drive to benefit SOS/Meals on Wheels. 540 pounds of food was collected and distributed to over 1000 seniors as a supplemental meal. Cutter also informed the commission of the upcoming San Leandro Super Bowl 50 Experience the Recreation and Human Services Department is hosting. There will be pre-game activities for all ages on 148th Avenues and then Super Bowl 50 will be on the 40 foot screen with surround sound at the BAL Theatre.
- Commissioner Sarafian expressed how wonderful it is to work with the Human Services Commissioners and is excited to see what the Domestic Violence Task Force will accomplish.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC (Cassidy/Onyemem) to adjourn meeting at 8:40 PM. (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain)

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Jessica Cutter