



# City of San Leandro

Civic Center  
835 East 14th Street  
San Leandro, California

## 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*

*Moiria Fry, District 1*

*Mary Gordon, At Large (5)*

*Nicholas Sermeño, At Large (2)*

*Susan Snell, District 3*

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Wednesday, January 25, 2023

7:00 PM

Senior Community Center 13909 E. 14th St.

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#### 1. ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

Present 5: Chair Borja, Vice Chair Pena Commissioners Abelee, Fry, and Gordon

Absent 4: Snell (excused), Combs (excused), Daevu (excused), Sermeno (unexcused)

Also in attendance: Maryann Sargent (Senior Housing Specialist) and Kimberly Anderson (Housing Specialist II)

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF JANUARY 25, 2023

Moved: Vice Chair Pena

Second: Commissioner Abelee

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 2022

Moved: Vice Chair Pena

Second: Fry

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

- 3.A. Draft Minutes of the Human Services Commission Meeting of November 30, 2022

Attachments: [November 30, 2022 Minutes](#)

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

6. **CAP/CDBG ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL TRAINING**

A staff member from City Data Services provided a CAP/CDBG Application Portal. The training was recorded via zoom for additional training support.

7. **ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY**

No actions taken. Naranjo provided updates.

7.A. Storm Support to Unhoused

In response to the recent storm and associated needs of our unhoused community, the City of San Leandro's Human Services Department partnered with community-based organizations to provide a Storm Support Resource Center. The Center was located at Halcyon Church in San Leandro and was opened from January 7th through January 13th (Except January 8th) from the hours of 12:00-4:00 p.m. Our guest were greeted and supported by staff from the City of San Leandro, Building Futures, Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Halcyon staff, Bay Area Legal Aid and volunteers from the April Showers, Rotary Club and East Bay Bridge Connect. Aside from being out of the rain and cold, our guest received a daily hot meal, bag of groceries, winter-support kits (gloves, blankets, hand warmers, hygiene products, etc.), access and transportation to laundry services, support with SSA application process, assessments and referral to other resources. The environment the staff and guest created was positive and supportive. Our guest appreciated seeing people who cared. Daily attendance ranged from 5 people to 20. Our deep appreciation to the staff and volunteers for all the important work.

7.B. FLEX Rides

FLEX RIDES membership has increased by 20% from the prior fiscal year. There are currently a record-breaking 520 members actively enrolled in the program. The previous highest-recorded membership was in FY 2021-2022 with 433 members; prior to that, the highest membership was in 2014-2015 with 325 members.

FLEX RIDES staff continue to offer in-person and virtual outreach services. Staff have visited, and continue to visit, numerous locations including parks, senior housing facilities, and community centers to host outreach events. All outreach events are offered in English, Spanish and Chinese. Staff continues to work towards making FLEX RIDES services equitable to all.

FLEX RIDES staff have partnered with Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) to provide group Travel Training at the Senior Community Center. One-on-one appointments with a Travel Trainer are also available upon request. Travel Training provides an optimal environment for individuals to learn how to safely access public and para transit options. The Travel Training sessions include fun outings to museums, landmarks, tourist attractions, and more.

#### 7.C. Senior Community Center Facility Update

The Public Works Department restarted the Senior Community Center boiler on Wednesday, January 11th. The building now has heat, but air conditioning will not be operational until the entire system is replaced, which is planned for later in 2023. Staff continue to offer a mix of in-person and virtual programming. Our guests at last month's Holiday Open House on December 21st enjoyed the event; it was so well attended staff had to dash out to pick up additional refreshments. Thank you to Ghirardelli Chocolate, who sent a team of volunteers to prepare materials for the crafts, donated chocolate squares and several nice raffle prizes; and to Commissioner McHenry whom also donated raffle prizes.

#### 7.D. Spring Activity Guide

The Spring Activity Guide was released Thursday, January 5th. Resident registration began this morning, and non-resident registration begins next Thursday, January 26th. Staff are preparing programming sheets to send to instructors for the Summer 2023 programming period.

### 8. NEW BUSINESS

None

### 9. REPORT OF CHAIR

Borja expressed a need to have current commissioners continue serving on the commission until the CAP/CDBG process is complete. Borja thanked everyone for attending and for working together.

### 10. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Vice Chair Pena shared that Pena feels much more prepared this cycle with the CAP/CDBG process. Expressed gratitude to staff for the support. Commissioner Abelee echoed Commissioner Pena's comments about being pleased with the new online system. Abelee also recommended that the Commission add an item to a future agenda to discuss volunteer opportunities

in San Leandro and discuss how this can be communicated or promoted. Commissioner Morgan recommended that the Commission discuss the possibility of the City hiring a volunteer coordinator during a future agenda item.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn at 7:50**

**Moved: Vice Chair Pena**

**Second: Abelee**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstentions: 0**