

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES GALLERY ROOM
MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT Chair: Aguilar, Vice Chair: Sarafian, Commissioners: Carino, Onyemem, Sanchez, Snell and Trujillo.

ABSENCES Commissioner Cassidy

GUESTS Secretary Dong

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF OCTOBER 26, 2016

MSC (Sarafian and Snell) to approve the agenda as submitted. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2016

MSC (Trujillo/Sanchez) to approve the minutes for the July 27, 2016 meeting. (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Abstain [Sarafian & Onyemem]).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

- Secretary Dong: RHS has been short staffed the past few months because of staff transitions, and now has hired Administrative Assistant Sue Ralston and Recreation Supervisor Donte Watson (early childhood programs). Donte has a background in early childhood and the department wants to look at early childhood programs in conjunction with the school district in order to target those populations that need assistance to succeed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Oral Site Visit Reports: Commissioner Trujillo visited La Clinica de La Raza, and said it was one of the best sites visits ever. It's structured well and began as a grassroots program. The REACH program emphasizes youth getting involved in medical programs. They also have prenatal care and a childcare center. Youth was very involved in designing the building, and if there's a problem with youth attending programs, a committee, which includes a youth representative, deals with the problem. She mentioned dance classes and performances; the dance theater has a flexible setup to accommodate indoor and outdoor performances. The facility has a good electronics and computer lab.

The clinic gets involved with recreation staff and creates an effective collaboration. This could be a good model for other programs in the community. See written report for more details. Secretary Dong met with Pedro Naranjo of the REACH Ashland Youth Center. The Recreation and Human Services Department will be working together on programs to serve San Leandro youth.

- Commissioner Aguilar and Secretary Dong visited Girls, Inc. The organization serves about 1400 girls in Alameda County. Of note is the Eureka program, an enrichment program that helps high school girls with college readiness by providing tutors and mentors. Twenty-five percent of girls served are San Leandro residents. There are several STEM programs, including a computer coding program in partnership with various tech companies targeting girls with the idea of increasing female representation in the tech industry.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Report

NEW BUSINESS

- Secretary Dong reported that the Human Services Gap Analysis interim report will be coming soon. Analysis findings will be used to make priority recommendations to City Council.
- The mobile food bank has begun at the Barbara Lee Wellness Center, and is open the first Friday morning of each month. 300 families were served by volunteers who staff the mobile food bank.
- Secretary Dong announced that there was information available on the three San Leandro revenue measures on the ballot.
- Truth is Beauty was well attended and turned out well. Commissioners agreed it was important and timely to spotlight domestic violence issues.
- LAFCo will meet on 11/7 to hear public comment on dissolution of the Eden Health District.
- The Commission agreed by consensus to move the November meeting from 11/23 to 11/30.
- Secretary Dong invited Commissioners to help serve at the Thanksgiving luncheon on 11/23.
- The December meeting is 12/28; City is closed that week. A decision about the December meeting will be made at the November meeting.
- Commissioner Sarafian requested a timeline for the RFP process at next meeting, even if it's tentative. Staff will be screening to make sure RFPs are appropriate to guidelines before commissioners review them.

REPORT OF CHAIR

- Chair Aguilar noted how much he enjoyed the Truth is Beauty ceremony. He also mentioned his own neighborhood association meeting with an update by City staff on the Transit-oriented Development and the revenue measures.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

- Commissioner Sarafian mentioned the League of Women Voters ballot recommendation and offered handouts.
- Commissioner Sanchez shared an email she received from Meals on Wheels about a November fundraising event. Twenty percent goes to the organization if people dine at designated restaurants.
- Commissioner Trujillo mentioned the Meals on Wheels Craft Fair fundraiser on November 18 and 19 in Hayward.
- Commissioner Snell: nothing to report.
- Commissioner Carino reported on a Union City program called Caravan that supports homeless families living out of their cars by providing safe parking areas. She wondered if San Leandro had spots for homeless families to park overnight. She also was invited by Leadership San Leandro to present on racism and diversity and the progress that has been made in San Leandro.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC (Trujillo/Snell) to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain).

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Dong