



City of San Leandro

Civic Center
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Minutes

Human Services Commission

Chair Victor Aguilar, At Large (3)
Vice Chair Alice Sarafian, District 1
Arleen Carino, District 5
Amy Cassidy, District At Large (1)
Don Lancaster, District At Large (5)
Pedro Naranjo, District 2
Bose Onyemem, District 4
Kathy Sanchez, District 6
Susan Snell, District 3

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

7:00 PM

City Hall, Sister Cities Gallery

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Aguilar, Naranjo, Onyemem, Sanchez and Snell
ABSENT: Vice Chair Sarafian, Commissioners Carino, Cassidy, Lancaster

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF MAY 23, 2018

Motion to approve agenda by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by
Commissioner Snell

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2018

Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Snell and seconded by
Commissioner Naranjo

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. PRESENTATIONS

None

7. ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

None

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS: REPORT ON SITE VISITS**10.A. Building Futures with Women and Children**

J. Dong and Commissioners Aguilar, Sarafian attended the site visit on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Aguilar summarized the services offered by BFWC. BFWC is a great organization and is one of the premier non-profits in San Leandro. Commissioner Aguilar shared his experience as a good one.

Commissioner Aguilar's observation is that the location is hard to find. BFWC is located on the second floor and has no elevator for the handicap. BFWC provided the group with a flyer, which is also made available to the public. Commissioner Snell suggested that any materials/handouts provided by the organization should be included in the site package and made available to commissioners as part of the minutes.

10.B. CALICO

J. Dong and Commissioners Naranjo and Sarafian attended the site visit on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Naranjo provided a brief summary of services offered by CALICO. The site is tucked away and is discreet considering they provide services to the abused children. CALICO is family oriented, and is comfortable and spacious. Commissioner Naranjo provided his observations. He learned that CALICO does not have a lot of interfacing with schools; there is no partnership. What stood out for him on this site visit is how the organization is working on building their capacity to continue providing the good work that they do. However, he feels that the employees, those who are exposed to the trauma, experience burn-out. They do good work and he recommends required training for employees to deal with that trauma. Commissioner Snell reiterated about handouts being included in the minutes.

10.C. Davis Street Family Resource Center

J. Dong and Commissioners Lancaster, Naranjo, Sarafian and Snell attended the site visit on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Grant report as of 5/1/2018 was provided by DSFRC, and also a community action plan progress report, chart of basic needs service, site visit report and a description of the scope of work. Commissioner Snell shared her three observations: 1) as part of the Q&A, she requested a development plan, which Davis Street did not have a development plan, 2) the facility is spacious and well equipped and furnished, with plenty of meeting space, 3) there are no plans for extending the social services that are provided to the community, for example, plans for overnight sheltering/showering/laundry facilities and bagged lunch distribution. In her observation, it seems that there are a couple

of instances where these services would be a natural extension of what is already in the Davis Street wheelhouse or menu of services, but the agency has no plans to pursue extending those services. Appears DSFRC is experimenting with things that are not in their wheelhouse. In her opinion, it is a disconnect for her.

Commissioner Naranjo observed that the tour of the warehouse, which is part of the food pantry and is staffed by volunteers and members of Stepping Stone Project was very well kept. He was unaware that the public could donate food to this facility. He commented that he did not see a lot of clients during their site visit, possibly due to the afternoon hours. He recommends stopping by during a different part of the day and assess the number of clients at that time. The site is on Teagarden, which not on the main corridor for public transportation. It was asked how accessible is the site to the community? Commissioner Snell concurred, adding that transportation to the facility, public or otherwise is not being addressed by DSFRC. Commissioner Aguilar pointed out that the site is definitely a safety net, but how can it be made accessible to everyone?

10.D. FESCO

Commissioner Sanchez announced that the site visit is rescheduled for May 29th at 1:30 p.m. by the Director, Gay McDaniel. Discussion of this site visit will be on the next agenda.

10.E. Family Violence Law Center

No one present attended the site visit. Discussion of this site visit will be on the next agenda.

10.F. Girls Inc.

J. Dong and Commissioner Aguilar attended the site visit on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Aguilar provided a summary of services and reported that 345 children and 215 family members benefit from the mental health services offered by Girls Inc. A psychologist is on-site and provides various other services. There is an in-house kitchen where cooking is taught and clients are educated on healthy eating. Girls Inc. owns the building. The site is accessible by public transportation. Some clients drive themselves to access the facility although there were only 10 parking stalls. There is a total of 123 clients serviced and 17 staff members. Girls Inc. expressed the need to raise more funding to provide the services they currently offer. They are looking to raise an additional \$600K to \$700K.

Handouts were provided.

10.G. La Clinica dela Raza

J. Dong and Commissioners Aguilar and Onyemem attended the site visit on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Onyemem shared her observation. The building is an

enhancement to East 14th Street and is well secured. She is impressed by what she saw. La Clinica de la Raza helps homeless kids by providing job resume and placement assistance. A library is on-site.

The site provides mental health services to under privileged kids. Staff are so in-tuned to the kids and provide great services to the students. Kids are provided with a badge that helps staff keep track of what programs the students are interested in.

Commissioner Sanchez asked if there is any support for dreamers or those in immigration status. Commissioner Naranjo says he's not sure if there is support to dreamers. The Clinic operated by La Clinica de la Raza on the second floor and other part is operated by Health Care Services Agency, part of Alameda County.

Commissioner Naranjo added that the clients are referred to La Clinica and are 11-24 years of age and residents of Alameda County. La Clinic offers a Newcomer Program and provides counseling services. They also provide medical and dental services.

10.H. Ruby's Place

J. Dong and Commissioners Naranjo and Sarafian attended the site visit on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Naranjo provided a summary of his site visit there. Ruby's Place provides shelter to homeless families (the housing was not viewed in this site visit). Ruby's Place serves 40 families at one time and the average stay is 4 months, at which time 40 new families are transitioned into the facility. About 20 of the 40 families are from San Leandro. When asked what the average cost per person is, the director had no answer (according to Naranjo's calculation, about \$700 per individual). Ruby's Place is the only facility that has initiated a shelter program for men who are victims of human trafficking. Ruby's Place sits on a large property with opportunity to expand. It is unfortunate that homeless funding is going down.

The staff is committed. Facility is owned. Commissioner Snell is interesting in knowing where they want to expand. Commissioner Onyemem asked if Ruby's Place provides services to homeless single fathers. She recalls they made that claim as being the only facility that does that.

The goal for Ruby's Place is to find permanent housing for families after the 4-month stay. The location is so comfortable that clients say they don't want to transition out.

10.I. SAVE

No one present that attended. Discussion of this site visit will be on the next agenda.

10.J. SOS/Meals on Wheels

No one present that attended. Discussion of this site visit will be on the next agenda.

11. REPORT OF CHAIR

An email regarding the Cherry Festival Parade from Jacqui Diaz of RHS was discussed. There seem to be a cross in communication regarding whether or not there will be a trolley for Commissioners in the parade.

The parade will begin at B&GC on Marina and will head north on SLB and will end at Saint Leander's Church. Commissioner Aguilar asked that commissioners RSVP J. Diaz. The Cherry Festival is on Saturday, June 2nd.

12. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Sanchez attended the Meals on Wheels Luncheon. Attendance was well received. She was a winner of two raffle prizes, which she plans to donate. Announcement was made that SOS/Meals on Wheels will be expanding into Fremont.

Commissioner Onyemem also attended the Luncheon.

Commissioner Naranjo announced that he will be out of town and cannot attend the Cherry Festival. He has questions regarding the site visit process and what it means for the current FY and suggested to discuss at the next meeting. He asked for an update on the timeline for the RFP process to get commissioners thinking now about how to approach the upcoming year based on lessons learned and what has been said about using the RBA as a lens.

Commissioner Snell wanted to give a shout out of the last minutes. She appreciates the Q&A summary in the minutes as a result of the RBA framework presentation, claiming that it was helpful for her.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Snell and seconded by Commissioner Onyemem at 7:54 p.m.