



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, July 25, 2018

7:00 PM

City Hall, Sister Cities Gallery

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF JULY 25, 2018

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

AYE: 8 NAY: 0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2018

Motion to approve minutes subject to the corrections by Commissioner Lancaster and seconded by Commissioner Carino.

- 1) Item 10.C., Para 5: Correct to read, "In checking with Miraglia catering, she was told the \$9 amount was an appropriate cost for SOS Meals."
- 2) Item 10.C., Para 7: Correct to read, "... they do not provide medical assistance, but instead they report medical issues to the agency."
- 3) Item 10.C. Para 3: Clarification on outreach efforts to African-American communities - there are other organizations that they can reach out to in addition to churches, for instance, African-American fraternities/sororities, etc.

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2018

Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Sarafian and seconded by Commissioner Cassidy.

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5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Jue, Boardmember of Broadmoor Plaza announced the Superhero Senior Heroes Walk-A-Thon happening on Saturday, September 29, 2018 and provided a handout of the event.

6. ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

6.A. Human Services Gap Analysis Status

Secretary Dong advised Commissioners that the Gap Analysis is in final form. She is currently putting together data on domestic violence in San Leandro and comparing the data to current demographics. So far, the data is showing gross under-reporting in San Leandro.

Secretary Dong spoke about the 5150 Mobile Mental Health Unit. It is a 3-year pilot program starting in September 2018. Focus will be on severe mental health (including youth) and case management.

Commissioner Naranjo expressed that the Gap Analysis, from what he has seen, is right on point. There is a need to determine where to invest resources, as well as determine strategy options on implementation.

Commissioner Lancaster repeated his question from the last meeting where he inquired how many attorneys are taking cases from intake to representation in court. Secretary Dong will follow-up with Erin Scott of FVLC and provide an answer to Commissioner Lancaster.

6.B. Requests for CAP Grant Reports

Secretary Dong reported that most of the CBOs have submitted their final reports. She was notified by Girls, Inc. that SLSUD did not renew their program for FY 2018-19. Girls Inc. will be submitting a new proposal. When all reports have been submitted, staff will make copies available to Commissioners via email in PDF format. Secretary Dong announced that City Council authorized the FY 2018-19 CAP Grants at the July 16th City Council Meeting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.A. Site Visits - FESCO

Commissioners Sarafian and Sanchez attended the May 29th site visit. Commissioner Sanchez reported on their visit, which took place at Les Marqui Shelter in Hayward.

Overview on goals: To assist homeless families with children to obtain permanent housing, increase income and gain the tools to ensure becoming successful and self-sufficient. Their services provide emergency shelter to homeless families free of charge and they are allowed to stay 60 to 90 days. Banyan House Families pay 30% of their adjusted income and can stay up to 10 months in the program. The average stay is 5.5 months.

FESCO Director Gay McDaniels retired as of May 31st. FESCO merged with La Familia on July 1st. Aaron Ortiz is the Executive Director of La Familia.

G. McDaniels reported on funds available: \$200M in private grants, rent revenues from the Banyan House residents, two fundraisers generating a total of \$85M, and funding from San Leandro and Hayward.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. Presentation from Lavender Seniors

Chair Aguilar introduced the founding member of Lavender Seniors of the East Bay, Barbara Jue. He also took this time to introduce former Boardmember Tom Baker, who currently sits on the Planning Commission.

B. Jue thanked the HSC for the proclamation presented to her by the City and for their support of the LGBTQ community. B. Jue was touched by the gesture and expressed that it is an important recognition to her.

B. Jue gave a presentation and provided handouts. City of San Leandro is the home city of the Lavender Seniors. She provided a brief history and spoke about their flagship program, the Friendly Visitor.

Upcoming events include a Lunch Bunch at All Saints Episcopal Church on Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the Monthly Film Series on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. (which occurs every 3rd Wednesday of the month).

Secretary Dong thanked B. Jue for being a long-time volunteer with the Senior Center.

Chair Aguilar thanked B. Jue and the Lavender Seniors for what they do in our community.

8.B. August Recess

Motion to approve the August recess by Commissioner Sarafian – seconded by Commissioner Cassidy. HSC meeting resumes in September.

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9. REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Carino proposed to table this item to the September meeting.

Commissioner Onyemem wants the nominating committee to meet for a discussion.

Chair Aguilar announced that the Nominating Committee will meet prior to September's meeting to come up with a selection of Chair and Vice Chair.

When asked by Commissioner Lancaster the reason for wanting to table,

Commissioner Carino responded by saying she would need clarification regarding the term limit for HSC Chair.

Discussion ensued on the Term Limit clarification. Commissioners were advised to speak with the City Attorney for further clarification and waiving of provisions to extend the term. Secretary Dong advised the Commissioners to request a current copy of Boards and Commissions Handbook from Interim City Clerk Marian Handa, if needed. She will send the nominating committee key clarifications and place the item on the agenda for September.

10 ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

Tabled for the September 26, 2018 meeting.

11. REPORT OF CHAIR

Chair Aguilar thanked Lavender Seniors and Tom Baker for their presence. He announced the National Night Out Day as being on Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

12. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Sarafian made a few announcements:

- 1) Former Commissioner Rosemary Trujillo is moving to Lodi.
- 2) Hot August Thursday concert series begins on August 2, 2018 at the Marina. The San Leandro Scholarship Foundation has the alcohol permit to serve beverages at all three events (August 16 and 30, 2018). Volunteers (including minors) are needed.
- 3) Fundraiser event at Drake's Brewery happening on September 7, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. that benefits local school and charities. Volunteers are needed for this event, as well during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 4) Reminder: Before the next Commission meeting in September, dinner at Harry's Hofbrau at 5:30 p.m. (optional).

Commissioner Sanchez had nothing to report.

Commissioner Onyemem had nothing to report.

Commissioner Naranjo thanked Secretary Dong for the clarity on the Gap Analysis and CAP Grant process. He is anxious to know what the deep-dive data will reveal. He recommends that for the October and November meetings, the tobacco ordinance and legalization of medical marijuana should be on the agenda for further discussion. He feels the Commission should be more aware of the effects of these changes to the community. If Commissioners are interested, he can reach out to organizations involved in these matters to make a presentation at future meetings.

Commissioner Cassidy expressed gratitude to B. Jue for her presentation and to the Lavender Seniors for all that they do. Gratitude to Secretary Dong for not taking the Gap Analysis at face value, resulting in her efforts in collecting additional data to get insight on what is needed to address domestic violence.

Commissioner Lancaster thanked B. Jue for her presentation and to the Lavender Seniors for what they do and would like to learn more about their cause. He expressed his feelings about the tobacco ordinance and felt that the

City Attorney “missed the mark” and for that reason, he questions the value of the ordinance. He announced that his birthday is this month.

On the same note, Commissioner Carino celebrated her half-a-century birthday. She shared that the Gap Analysis findings on community health needs assessment on mental health, domestic violence, and poverty are similar to Kaiser’s priority areas on community needs in San Leandro. She is excited that \$20,000 of the Kaiser community grants will go to SLUSD for mental health services. BGC will receive \$42,000 for community and family safety. She recommends looking at Kaiser community health needs assessment again as it pertains to San Leandro.

13. ADJOURNMENT

B. Jue took this time to acknowledge the staff of RHS, particularly Susan Criswell, Jeanette Dong and Ely Hwang for the work they do at the San Leandro Senior Community Center.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Lancaster and seconded by Commissioner Carino at 8:33 p.m.

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