



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft (Excerpt)

Housing and Human Services Commission

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

7:00 PM

West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 W.
Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

- 3** [15-0157](#) Consider Draft Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Action Plan and Proposed Human Services Grants for FY
2015-16

Housing Officer Suzanne Isé gave a brief report on the Action Plan, and answered questions from the commissioners.

She noted that the Action Plan, which will become an addendum to the ConPlan, includes more detail about how the City plans to use the grant funds next fiscal year. This Action Plan includes the human services and capital projects that the Commission recommended for CDBG and HOME funding, and other ongoing City programs, such as the housing rehabilitation and rental assistance programs.

Commissioners asked questions about the WorkFirst Sunnyvale and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) programs, and why the staff and commission recommendations regarding the General Fund human services grants were presented as two separate alternatives in the staff report.

Ms. Isé explained that staff is not able to make a recommendation that would conflict with Council Policy, such as recommending grants of less than \$10,000. She also noted that the report to Council will also include the Commission's recommendation for Council to consider.

Chair Gilbert opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Michelle Schroeder, Attorney at SALA, spoke about SALA's partnership with Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) to provide free legal services for seniors twice a month at the SCS facility. She thanked staff and the Commissioners for the funding recommendation to maintain this service.

Chair Gilbert closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Chair Gilbert asked for a motion.

Commissioner Schmidt moved and Commissioner Evans seconded to recommend Alternatives 1 and 3:

1. Recommend that Council approve the 2015-16 Action Plan as presented in Attachment 1; and
3. Recommend that Council approve the General Fund human services grants as listed in Attachment 3, subject to Council budget appropriations in June.

After some discussion, Commissioner Schmidt rescinded her motion because she misunderstood the details of Alternative 3, and meant to move to recommend Alternatives 1 and 4.

Chair Gilbert asked for another motion.

Commissioner Chiu moved and Commissioner McCloud seconded the motion to recommend Alternatives 1 and 4:

1. Recommend that Council approve the 2015-16 Action Plan as presented in Attachment 1; and
4. Recommend that Council approve the General Fund human services grants as listed in Attachment 4, subject to Council budget appropriations in June. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Gilbert
Commissioner Chiu
Commissioner Evans
Commissioner McCloud
Commissioner Schmidt

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Jeong
Commissioner Sidhu

Commissioner Chiu added that the reason for not going with staff's recommendation was because it did not include the compromise that they had reached at the March meeting to award grants of \$5,000 each to Live Oak Adult Day Services and Maitri.

Commissioner Evans and Chair Gilbert noted that they were voting for the current motion now to keep the process moving forward, but they stood by the statements they made at the March meeting, when they voted against the Commission's

funding recommendations (now listed as Alternative 4) because they were not consistent with the Council Policy regarding the minimum grant amounts.

Commissioner McCloud added that although she understood the minimum established, she thought it was worthwhile to try and help smaller or less well-established agencies to help them grow.

Commissioner Schmidt added that she was in favor of Alternative 4 because, for the most part, it fell in line with "Scenario B" that staff had presented at the March meeting.