



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Housing and Human Services Commission

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Wednesday, November 14, 2018

7:00 PM

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

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#### Special Meeting

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

#### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Gilbert led the salute to the flag.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Chair Diana Gilbert  
Vice Chair Joshua Grossman  
Commissioner Patti Evans  
Commissioner Ken Hiremath  
Commissioner Minjung Kwok  
**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Elinor Stetson

**Commissioner Patti Evans arrived at 7:05 p.m. (after the Consent  
Calendar vote was taken)**  
**Council Liaison Nancy Smith (absent)**

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1.A**     [18-0992](#)     Approve the Housing and Human Services Commission  
Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2018

Chair Gilbert asked for discussion, or a motion on the consent calendar item.

MOTION: Vice Chair Grossman moved, and Commissioner Kwok seconded the motion to Approve the Housing and Human Services Commission Minutes of October 24, 2018 as submitted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Chair Gilbert  
Vice Chair Grossman  
Commissioner Hiremath  
Commissioner Kwok

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Evans  
Commissioner Stetson

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

**2**      [18-1009](#)      Clarification of Recommendation of Supplemental Funding for Human Services

Joseph Shin, Housing Programs Analyst, provided the staff report.

After some clarification questions of staff, Chair Gilbert opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

The following representatives spoke on behalf of their agencies and shared anecdotal data regarding the increased need for their services by the populations that they serve in the community.

- Marie Bernard, Sunnyvale Community Services Executive Director
- Teresa Johnson, Meals-on-Wheels Program Manager
- Maureen Damrel, Downtown Streets Team Director for Santa Clara County
- Jo Bailard, Abilities United Director of Corporate and Foundation Giving

Ms. Bernard provided ten-year comparison data from her agency showing the impact of the increased need for services in Sunnyvale.

Ms. Bailard, as a side note, wanted to acknowledge that at the November 13, 2018 Council meeting, City Council approved an affordable housing project that reserved 25 units for special needs individuals, which will benefit clients served by Abilities United.

Chair Gilbert closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

After a short discussion and additional questions of staff, Chair Gilbert asked for a motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Hiremath moved, and Vice Chair Grossman seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Confirm the recommendation for supplemental General Fund support for Human Services grants to \$200,000 for FY 2019/20 based on all the factors presented as a basis for the recommendation for the increase.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Commissioner Evans offered a friendly amendment to include the data provided by Sunnyvale Community Services to further support the requested increase.

Commissioner Hiremath accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Chair Gilbert  
Vice Chair Grossman  
Commissioner Evans  
Commissioner Hiremath  
Commissioner Kwok

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Stetson

### **STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES**

#### **3      [18-0995](#)      Propose New Study Issues and Budget Issues**

Trudi Ryan, Director of Community Development, gave a brief overview of the study/budget issues process changes and how these changes gave the commissioners an added opportunity to consider potential study issues for 2019.

Chair Gilbert asked if there were any suggestions from the commissioners. After some discussion, the commissioners asked staff to bring back to the next meeting language for two potential study issues and one budget issue as follows:

1. Study Issue - Measure the impact of closures, conversions, and rent increases in mobilehome parks on park residents and on homelessness in Sunnyvale.
2. Study lssue - Update or develop policies that more adequately evaluate the

change in human services needs in the community.

3. Budget Issue - Suggest that Council increase the supplemental funding from the General Fund for human services based on population growth and using the funding allocated for year 2019/20 as the base amount.

In addition, the Commissioners discussed options to convey to Council the Commission's recommendation to emphasize community members needs in the Council Policy Priority list.

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

#### **-Commissioner Comments**

Chair Gilbert shared that her niece who had moved to Paradise because she couldn't afford to live in Sunnyvale, or any metropolitan area, lost her home to the Paradise wildfire.

#### **-Staff Comments**

Director Ryan, reminded the Commissioners that the new Housing Officer would be starting next week.

She also noted that as it had been mentioned during the public hearing, the City Council had approved the Development and Disposition Agreement with Related California for the affordable housing project at Charles Street, and Mathilda and Iowa Avenues, also known as Block 15.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.