



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft (excerpt) Housing and Human Services Commission

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

7:00 PM

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

- 3** [19-0836](#) Consider Request from Sunnyvale Community Services for Forgiveness of 2003 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Loan in the amount of \$400,000.

Housing Officer Carloni introduced Leif Christiansen, Housing Programs Analyst, who provided the staff report for this item.

After a few clarifying questions of staff, Vice Chair Grossman opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

Marie Bernard, Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) Executive Director, spoke in favor of staff's recommendation. She explained that SCS has been looking for a new location for several years and this loan forgiveness will free up funds for that purchase. The new location will allow SCS to expand its capacity to better serve the Sunnyvale community.

Travis Duncan, Development Project Manager at Saris Regis and SCS Board member, also spoke in support of the recommendation.

Vice Chair Grossman closed the public hearing at 8:01 p.m.

After additional questions of staff, and a short discussion about the merits of the request, ramifications of this action with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and repercussions with other non-profit borrowers, Vice Chair Grossman asked for a motion.

Commissioner Stetson moved and Commissioner Kwok seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Recommend that Council Approve the CDBG Loan Forgiveness for Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) in the amount of \$400,000, and make a formal policy statement that this action shall not be seen as a precedent for other borrowers, and is made only due to the increasing service provided by SCS to the Sunnyvale community.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Vice Chair Grossman
Commissioner Hiremath
Commissioner Kwok
Commissioner Stetson

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Chair Gilbert
Commissioner White