



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Housing and Human Services Commission

Thursday, October 29, 2020

7:00 PM

Telepresence Meeting: Web Stream

Special Meeting

TELECONFERENCE PRESENCE

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Chair Ken Hiremath
Vice Chair Elinor Stetson
Commissioner Diana Gilbert
Commissioner Minjung Kwok
Commissioner Franklin Lowe
Commissioner Linda Sell
Commissioner Emily White

Council Liaison Glenn Hendricks (absent)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [20-0930](#) Approve the Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2020

Chair Hiremath asked for a motion or discussion on the Consent Calendar item.

There was no discussion.

MOTION: Vice Chair Stetson moved and Commissioner Gilbert seconded the motion to Approve the Consent Calendar comprised of the Housing and Human Services Commission Minutes of September 23, 2020 as submitted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Hiremath
Vice Chair Stetson
Commissioner Gilbert
Commissioner Lowe
Commissioner Sell
Commissioner White

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Kwok

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [20-0849](#) Biennial Review of Priority Needs for Human Services and
Recommendation to City Council

Leif Christiansen, Housing Programs Analyst, provided the staff report and answered clarifying questions by commissioners.

Chair Hiremath opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

The following nonprofit representatives highlighted the increased need for the services that their agencies provide to the community and advocated for the City's continued support through CDBG and supplemental General Fund funding:

- Sheri Burns, Executive Director, Silicon Valley Independent Living Center.
- Amanda Clifford, Policy and Advocacy Associate, Bill Wilson Center.
- Marie Bernard, Executive Director, Sunnyvale Community Services.
- Karen Wilmer, Executive Director, Friends for Youth.
- Amanda Olson, Sunnyvale Program Manager, Downtown Streets Team.
- Ann Marquart, Executive Director, Project Sentinel.
- Georgia Bacil, Directing Attorney, Senior Adults Legal Assistance.

Chair Hiremath closed the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Gilbert moved and Commissioner Kwok seconded the

motion to recommend to Council Alternatives 1 and 4: 1) Approve the list of priority needs as stated in the staff report, excerpted from the Department of Housing and Urban Development 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan; and, 4) Approve supplemental funding in the amount of \$200,000 for human services grants for FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23 for the following reasons:

- Unprecedented need in the community due to COVID-19.
- COVID-19 significant impact on residents' lives will continue for the foreseeable future.
- Increase in Sunnyvale population.
- Increase in cost to deliver services.
- Increase in housing costs.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Hiremath
Vice Chair Stetson
Commissioner Gilbert
Commissioner Kwok
Commissioner Lowe
Commissioner Sell
Commissioner White

No: 0

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

[20-0931](#)

Housing and Human Services Commission Proposed Study
Issues, Calendar Year: 2021

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioners asked when this meeting's recommendations would go to Council. Staff noted that Council would have its Biennial Review of Priority Needs for Human Services on Dec. 1.

-Staff Comments

Staff shared with the commissioners that the City Council approved the Housing Strategy and that the Housing Strategy web page has been updated with what are

the next steps in its implementation.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hiremath adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.