



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Final

Housing and Human Services Commission

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

7:00 PM

Teleconference Meeting: City Web
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stetson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chair Elinor Stetson
Vice Chair Linda Sell
Commissioner Jim Davis
Commissioner Scott Duncan
Commissioner Sue Harrison
Commissioner Leesa Riviere

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Ken Hiremath

Commissioner Ken Hiremath (excused absence)
Council Liaison Russ Melton (present)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [22-0762](#) Approve the Housing and Human Services Commission
Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2022

Chair Stetson asked if there were any members of the public that wished to speak about the item on the Consent Calendar. There were none.

Chair Stetson asked for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar

MOTION: Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Riviere seconded the motion to Approve the Housing and Human Services Commission Minutes of May 25, 2022 as submitted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Stetson
Vice Chair Sell
Commissioner Davis
Commissioner Duncan
Commissioner Riviere

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Hiremath

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Harrison

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

3 [22-0710](#) Consider a Tenant Protections and Right to Lease Ordinance
(Study Issue)

Chair Stetson announced that staff requested to hear agenda item 3 first. Officer Carloni explained that staff was requesting to continue item 22-0710 Consider a Tenant Protections and Right to Lease Ordinance to the September 21 meeting. She noted that staff is requesting additional time to finalize the ordinance due to its complexity and in an effort to simplify the language to be easier to understand, but no modification to the content. She added that because the item was agendized and publicized, she asked that a public hearing be held for the members of the public that were present for the item to provide comments on continuing the item only, not on the ordinance.

Chair Stetson opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Latisha Curry, Sunnyvale resident, no comment on continuing the item, will speak on the item at the future meeting.

Chair Stetson closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Chair Stetson asked for a motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Harrison moved and Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion to continue item 22-0710 Consider a Tenant Protections and Right to Lease Ordinance to the September 21 meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Stetson
Vice Chair Sell
Commissioner Davis
Commissioner Duncan
Commissioner Harrison
Commissioner Riviere

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Hiremath

2 [22-0159](#) Consider Draft Assessment of Fair Housing

Housing Programs Analyst Leif Christiansen gave the staff report. He also briefly introduced Thomas Silverstein, Associate Director of the Fair Housing & Community Development Project at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, who assisted in preparing the Assessment of Fair Housing report and was available to answer questions during the commissioners discussion. Mr. Silverstein gave a short overview of the project's progress from 2019 to today, also noting the delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

After some questions from the commissioners, Chair Stetson opened the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

Coleen Hausler expressed appreciation for the questions asked by the commissioners regarding how the City will meet its goals and having specific measurements in the future to show how the City is meeting those goals. She also encouraged to do more outreach to obtain input from less served groups, e.g. latinx, to help set goals.

Chair Stetson closed the public hearing at 8:09 p.m.

After a lengthy discussion and questions of staff, Chair Stetson asked for a motion.

Commissioner Davis indicated that he would be voting no because the document doesn't identify any solutions or goals.

Vice Chair Sell indicated that because she is Councilmember-elect, she would be abstaining from voting on this item to avoid having to recuse herself if this item went to Council in 2023.

MOTION: Commissioner Harrison moved and Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Recommend that the City Council Approve the draft Assessment of Fair Housing as presented in Attachment 2 of the staff report.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Stetson
Commissioner Duncan
Commissioner Harrison
Commissioner Riviere

No: 1 - Commissioner Davis

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Hiremath

Abstain: 1 - Vice Chair Sell

4 [22-0874](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2022/23

Chair Stetson asked for nominations for Chair for FY 2022/23. Commissioner Davis nominated Chair Stetson to continue as Chair. Chair Stetson accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Chair.

Chair Stetson asked for nominations for Vice Chair for FY 2022/23. Commissioner Harrison nominated Commissioner Riviere to serve as Vice Chair. Commissioner Riviere accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Vice Chair.

Chair Stetson and Vice Chair Riviere were elected by acclamation.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

[22-0868](#) Consideration of Potential Study Issues

Commissioner Harrison inquired about a potential study issue regarding the reduction of fees, zoning, or any other city-controlled processes that might encourage moderate and low-income housing throughout the city but more specifically in higher opportunity zones.

Officer Carloni agreed to provide the study issue form to Commissioner Harrison to submit and agendaize in a future meeting for discussion.

STANDING ITEM: HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

[22-0869](#) Housing Element Update

Officer Carloni reported that the draft Housing Element was submitted to HCD in

July and that staff expects the first round of comment from HCD on Oct. 6 and noted that Sunnyvale was the first city in Santa Clara County to submit a draft. Staff will report back once comments are received.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

None.

-Staff Comments

Officer Carloni welcomed new Commissioner Sue Harrison to the Housing and Human Services Commission.

She noted that the September meeting might be long due to the number of public hearing items and wants them to be aware.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

[22-0870](#)

Housing and Human Services Commission Proposed Study
Issues, Calendar Year: 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stetson adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.