

Social Service Human Relations Board

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 23, 2010

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL** President Wasko called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Present were: Vice President Villareal, James, Dailey, and Nielsen. Absent was: Biggs

Staff: Franz Incoming Board Member: Zoe Holder

2. DISTRIBUTION OF AUGUST 19, 2010 WORK-SESSION MEETING NOTES

The August 19, 2010 Work-Session meeting Notes were distributed for discussion during Item 3-B.

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3-A. A REQUEST FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDS TO DEVELOP A HUNGER NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND HUNGER-FREE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ALAMEDA

President Wasko explained that the Community Development Department is submitting a grant application for funds to develop a Hunger Needs Assessment and Hunger-Free Community Strategic Plan for the City of Alameda. The first draft she reviewed stated that SSHRB was acting as the equivalent of a food Policy Council for Alameda, by creating and convening a committee made up of representatives of organizations providing food and nutrition programs in Alameda. The Board has not created a committee, but it has performed some of the functions of a Food Policy Council. Examples include its Needs Assessment activities and public Community Needs Hearings, which both have dealt with Alameda's Food resources and programs. After receiving input from the community and providers of Food Programs, the Board has consistently made recommendations to the Council that Food Programs, as one of Alameda's Safety Net Services, be given a priority when funding is being considered.

If the Board agrees to write a Letter of Support for the grant, Cyndy will be meeting tomorrow morning with the grant writer to hear a determination from Washington, letting us know whether we need to characterize the Board as "functioning as a Food Policy Council", or whether the grant money can be used to create one.

Whatever the case, Member Biggs had encouraged the City to apply for the grant, and would lead a SSHRB Workgroup that would function as a Food Policy Council". Led by member Biggs, the workgroup would include representatives from the Alameda Food Bank, Alameda Meals On Wheels, and AUSD, who have already signed on to be members of a committee if the grant was funded.

M/S (Villareal / Dailey) that the board write a Letter of Support for the Hunger Needs Assessment and Hunger-Free Community Strategic Plan grant being developed by the Community Development Department. Development staff will be asked to provide a draft of the letter for President Wasko to edit and staff / Franz to review. Unanimous

3-B. **JOINT WORK SESSION DISCUSSION WITH THE ASSESSMENT & AWARENESS, ATAH, RESOURCE SHARING, AND SISTER CITY WORKGROUPS -**

Refer to Notes provided by President Wasko at October 28, 2010 meeting.

As part of an ATAH discussion, President Wasko explained that she would like to make a motion to “Send out a letter to all of this year’s candidates asking that, as they discuss issues and debate during their campaign, they honor the spirit of the ATAH Pledge for a Hate-Free Alameda that has been adopted by both the Council and School Board.” The letter would be signed by President Wasko and ATAH Chair Villareal, but would be personal, and not go out on City letterhead. President Wasko would write a draft and share it with Vice-President Villareal before sending it out.

M/S (Wasko/Villareal) Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Franz
Community Development Coordinator