

**Social Service Human Relations Board
Minutes of the Special Meeting, July 8, 2014**

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

President Biggs called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Vice President Villareal and members Williams and Hyman. Absent were members Radding, Robles-Wong, and Blake.

1-A. **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER AUDREY HYMAN**

President Biggs introduced and welcomed new member Audrey Hyman.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting, May 29, 2014, were approved as presented.
M/S Williams / Villareal Unanimous

3. **AGENDA ITEMS**

3.-A **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

President Biggs announced that nominations were open for 2014/15 Board President and Vice-President. Vice-President Villareal nominated President Biggs to continue in his current role. President Biggs nominated Vice-President Villareal to continue in his current role.

3-B. **PROGRESS REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS REGARDING MAY 29, 2014
WORK SESSION ON HOMELESSNESS IN ALAMEDA**

President Biggs shared that at the Board's May meeting the decision was made to move forward with developing and conducting a survey / count of homeless people living on the streets of Alameda, and an expenditure not to exceed \$750, was authorized to provide resources and referrals to individuals contacted during the count. It had been agreed that a weekday morning would be the best time to do this, and that a number of additional volunteers would need to be recruited.

President Biggs added that he had made a presentation to the Alameda Services Collaborative regarding this project, and that a number of individuals had volunteered to assist the Board in the count. President Biggs and staff also met with Chief Rolleri, who agreed to make APD volunteers and officers available to assist the project, adding that it would work best for his volunteers and staff if we were able to conduct the count in late September. Staff has already ordered 30 knapsacks, and purchased a number of the other items that will be placed in them, along with referral materials, and given to the homeless on the morning of the count. It appears that more than three Board members will be participating in this project, and that the meeting to plan this event will need to be "noticed" as a Special SSHRB Meeting. President Biggs will continue to play the leadership role in this project, and will organize and chair a committee to plan and implement this event. A Motion was made to authorize President Biggs to organize a committee made up of Board members and

community volunteers to plan and implement a count of Alameda's homeless people living on the streets.

M/S Hyman / Williams Unanimous

3-C. **RECOMMENDATION FOR SSHRB TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Prior to 2009, annual events were held to recognize and honor the work of outstanding volunteers and organizations in our community. The most recent event of this type was the Alameda Red Cross "Heroes Breakfast". Awards presented at this event included Citizen of the Year, Community Service Individual of the Year, and Community Service Organization of the Year. As a result of a recent discussion with executive directors of local non-profit organizations, President Biggs is requesting that the Board consider sponsoring an annual event reinstituting this practice of recognizing outstanding contributions to our community.

Discussion included recognizing youth volunteers, and outstanding non-profit organization board member, and outstanding non-profit volunteer, and possibly one or two more areas of volunteer service. Member Williams volunteered to chair the committee, develop an application, identify judges (including Board members and community leaders), and oversee the selection process. Others are invited to join the committee, and member Williams will be assisted by staff for the selection process, notifying of recipients, and coordinating the presenting of the awards at "Everything Alameda."

A Motion was made to develop and implement a process to identify outstanding volunteers and honor them for their service to the community at the 2nd Annual Everything Alameda event on September 27, 2014. An expenditure not to exceed \$500 was authorized for the purchase of materials to implement this project.

M/S Villareal/ Biggs Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM. M\S Williams \ Villareal UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Franz
Secretary