

Social Service Human Relations Board
Minutes of the Special Meeting, August 13, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Biggs called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were members Blake, Radding, Sorensen, and Davenport. Absent were members Williams, and Hyman. Members Hyman and Williams arrived at 7:24.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Action - 5 minutes

The minutes of the special meeting of July 7, 2015 were approved as corrected.
M/S Sorensen/Blake Unanimous

3. AGENDA ITEMS

3.-A REPROGRAMMING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PUBLIC SERVICES FUNDS FOR FY 2015-16

President Biggs reminded the Board that, when the Board made its CDBG Public Service funding recommendations for FY 2015-16, at its March meeting, there were \$6,753 in unallocated funds, which City staff requested be allocated for rent conciliation services. The Board approved staff's recommendation, adding that if Council did not approve the ordinance establishing the rent conciliation program, the remaining \$6,753 would be allocated to AFB, BFWC, FVLC, and LAS in amounts proportional to their grants.

The Rent Review Ordinance that went before Council at its July 21st meeting did not include rent conciliation services, making the \$6,753 Public Services funding, set aside for those services, available for the Board to reallocate.

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that, while it had other options, it would recommend that the remaining \$6,753 be allocated to AFB, BFWC, FVLC, and LAS in amounts proportional to their grants, as decided at its March 2015 meeting.

A motion was made to recommend that the remaining \$6,753 be allocated to AFB, BFWC, FVLC, and LAS in amounts proportional to their grants, as decided at its March 2015 meeting.
M/S Radding / Sorensen Unanimous

3.-B ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the Special meeting of July 7, 2015, President Biggs was nominated to continue in his current role, and member Williams was nominated to serve as Vice-President.

A motion was made to approve the slate of officers.
M/S Blake / Radding Unanimous

4. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

Staff shared that the Community Service Award nomination forms will be available by August 23, and are due by Monday, September 21. The winners will receive their awards at a reception at the Elks Lodge on October 20, and be acknowledged at the Council meeting that evening.

President Biggs thanked everyone for participating in the Homeless Count, and said it went very well. He is currently going through the data, and it appears that there has been an increase in the homeless identified during the count. There was also a change in the make-up of the homeless. The first count identified primarily chronic homeless individuals, while this count identified some families who had recently become homeless because of rent increases.

The Alameda Fire Department now has a Community Paramedic Program that engages the chronically homeless and other frequent users of 911 (ambulance / Alameda Hospital), and connects them to services and programs throughout the county.

President Biggs will provide an additional update at a future meeting.

Staff announced that City's resiliency team has requested that SSHRB hold a joint meeting with the Commission on Disability Issues (CDI) on September 24, 2015, at which they will make a presentation on the City of Alameda Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- NONE

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM. M/S Blake\ Davenport Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:
Jim Franz
Secretary