

City of Alameda, California
SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD
THURSDAY, February 25, 2021
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Sarah Lewis called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance: Vice-President S. Lewis, Board members Kristin Furuichi Fong, Priya Jagannathan, Tony Lewis, and Joanna Paillet-Growl. Note: Board member Moustafa Aly arrived at 7:16pm due to computer connectivity issues.

City staff: Ana Bagtas, Lois Butler, and Eric Fonstein

Absent: President Christine Chilcott (excused)

Vice-President Lewis shared the Season for Non-Violence word of the day: generosity.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2021 was made by Board member Furuichi Fong and seconded by Board member T. Lewis. Ayes: Vice-President S. Lewis, Board members Aly, Furuichi Fong, Jagannathan, T. Lewis, and Paillet-Growl. Nays: none. Motion carried unanimously. Note: Board member Aly did not vote on this item due to late arrival.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5-A 2021-692 Presentation on Status of Homelessness Strategic Plan

Staff member Gehrke provided a progress update on the Homelessness Strategic Plan, and answered clarifying questions.

Board member T. Lewis asked for an update on vaccines for unhoused individuals. Staff member Bagtas introduced Assistant City Manager Gerry Beaudin. Bagtas provided a brief update on COVID-19 vaccinations for unhoused individuals. Beaudin provided an update on the Mayor's Vaccine Task Force and discussed reducing barriers for Alamedans receiving vaccines.

Board member Jagannathan asked on selection criteria for focus groups. Staff member Gehrke explained selection criteria for focus groups.

Vice-President S. Lewis announced the arrival of Board member Aly at 7:16pm.

5-B 2021-693 Recommendation to Review and Endorse the 2020 Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP) Annual Report

Danielle Mieler, Sustainability and Resilience Manager for the City of Alameda, presented a review of the Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP) 2020 Annual Report, accomplishments in 2020, and priorities for 2021. Among the accomplishments in 2020 are as follows:

- expanding free bus passes,
- completing a study of the citywide groundwater flooding vulnerability,
- increasing heat pump water heater rebates,
- planting 338 trees on city-owned land,
- updating the Master Infrastructure Plan for Alameda Point that incorporate CARP goals and projects, and
- launching the Alameda Municipal Power used electric vehicle rebate program.

Mieler presented the 2021 priorities and invited SSHRB members for input. Mieler encouraged SSHRB to provide ongoing input on enhancing the equity lens for climate-related efforts, updating the social vulnerability assessment, and on community education efforts on climate issues and solutions.

Assistant City Manager Gerry Beaudin shared that CARP is a priority for City Council this year. Mieler and Beaudin answered clarifying questions.

5-C 2021-694 Presentation on Alameda Smart City Master Plan

Gail Payne, City of Alameda Senior Transportation Coordinator, presented an update on the development of the Smart City Master Plan. The vision of Smart City is to guide City on the use of technology to improve community members' lives and to most effectively achieve General Plan goals. Smart City objectives include:

- providing equitable internet,
- improving government transparency and cyber security,
- improving transportation operations and emergency response, and
- developing economic vitality and climate goals.

A draft plan is expected in late 2021. Payne invited feedback from SSHRB members and answered their questions.

5-D 2021-695 Recommendation to Review and Approve the City of Alameda Transportation Program Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Victoria Williams, City of Alameda Paratransit Coordinator, presented the recommendation to review and approve the City of Alameda Transportation Program plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities for FY2021/22. Williams responded to questions and comments from the Board. Board members expressed appreciation for the transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities within Alameda. Board member Aly suggested providing transportation services to COVID-19 vaccination sites. Williams and Payne clarified that although there is not funding for this through the

transportation program plan, the Mayor's COVID-19 team is facilitating vaccination distribution logistics.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Season for Non-Violence Speech Contest – Staff member Fonstein reported that the virtual contest has tentatively been scheduled for Saturday, May 8th, 2021.
- Feed Alameda – Staff member Bagtas reported that the City's restaurant meal program for unhoused individuals and those in shelters has been well-received. Ninety meals are distributed each week to people on the streets, encampments, FEMA trailers, Midway Shelter, and safe parking. Funds raised can support the program through August 2021.
- Showers at Christ Church – Staff member Bagtas reported that the shower program is under way providing showers to unhoused individuals every Sunday.

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

Vice President S. Lewis notified the Board that Board member Aly will be moving out of Alameda and is therefore stepping down from his role on SSHRB. Board member Aly expressed his appreciation for his time on the Board. Board and Staff members expressed their appreciation and best wishes to Aly.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President S. Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.