

**Social Service Human Relations Board**  
**Minutes of the Special Meeting, August 19, 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, Hyman, Radding, and Blake. Member Robles-Wong was absent.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting, July 8, 2014, were approved as presented.  
M/S Hyman / Williams Unanimous

3. **AGENDA ITEMS**

3.-A **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

At the Special meeting of July 8, 2014, President Biggs and Vice-President Villareal were nominated to continue in their current roles.

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

3-B. **PROGRESS REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS REGARDING HOMELESS COUNT PROJECT**

President Biggs reported that the morning of Wednesday, September 24, has been confirmed to conduct the Homeless Count. Chief Rolleri will be out of town that week, and has appointed Captain Joe McNiff to be our liaison for the exercise. Officer Ledbetter will be available to assist us, and will also help recruit and coordinate the VIPs (Volunteers in Policing). President Biggs shared examples of questions we might use for our interviews. The board reviewed the list and made suggestions as to which questions they thought most necessary and appropriate. The Homeless Count Committee will consider these recommendations in making up the final questionnaire. The City will be divided into six sectors, and President Biggs asked that a Board member act as team captain for each of the sectors. A volunteer training will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 17.

Staff shared that the additional funds may be needed, beyond the \$750 already approved, to complete the purchase of materials that will be included in the backpacks, and requested that the board authorize an additional amount not to exceed \$250 for this purpose.

A Motion was made to approve this expenditure.  
M/S Williams/Hyman Unanimous

3-C. **PROGRESS REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS REGARDING SSHRB RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Awards Committee Chair Williams and staff shared that the nomination form had been emailed to service providers and the ACCYF membership on August 18, and this morning, a City of Alameda press release has been sent out regarding the awards. Links to the nomination form are available on both the ACCYF and City of Alameda websites. Committee members Radding and Hyman will join Member Williams as judges for the awards, and Supervisor Chan, Chief Roller, and Assistant City Manager Nguyen, will also be invited as judges.

Staff shared that additional funds may be needed, beyond the \$500 already approved, to provide the awards and requested that the board authorize an additional amount not to exceed \$300 (bringing the total to \$800) for this purpose.

A Motion was made to approve this expenditure.

M/S Villareal/Hyman Unanimous

3-D. **CONSIDERATION OF SPONSORSHIP OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE “SPEAKOUT” EVENT AND OTHER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES**

The City of Alameda Domestic Violence Task (DVTf) Force started in 2003, but, because of lack of funds and changes in staffing, it became dormant in late 2005. Two and a half years ago SSHRB convened a meeting of former DVTf members, and with the help of CDBG funding, the task force began to meet again. They have developed strategies and activities consistent with their mutual goal of educating the community and helping coordinate services for domestic violence victims in Alameda. The City of Alameda Domestic Violence Task Force, comprised of Building Futures with Women and Children, Alameda Boys & Girls Club, the Alameda Police Department, Alameda Hospital, the City of Alameda, Family Violence Law Center, Alameda Family Services, Alameda Point Collaborative, Alameda's Social Service Human Relations Board, and Girls Incorporated of the Island City, coordinates domestic violence prevention and intervention services in the City of Alameda, and executes outreach activities during domestic violence awareness month and teen dating violence awareness month, designed to mobilize all members of our community to take a proactive role in building a domestic violence free community.

On October 16, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, there are plans for a “Speakout” on the steps of City Hall. Speakers at this event will include Mayor Marie Gilmore, Supervisor Wilma Chan, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O’Malley, and Police Chief Paul Roller. DVTf members will have resource tables, and there are plans to have music.

Given our pivotal role in supporting the DVTf, SSHRB is being asked to co-sponsor this event with them. There is no cost associated with this co-sponsorship.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that it would be appropriate for the Board to cosponsor this event, and a motion was made to that effect.

M/S Blake / Villareal Unanimous

4. **BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA**

President Biggs shared that he has been informed that a Housing Cost and Rents Task Force was being formed, and that the Board may be requested to have one or more members participate.

Staff shared that there will be an item on next month's agenda requesting Board sponsorship and support for a mural created by an Alameda youth.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM. M\S Radding\Blake UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted by:

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Secretary