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Community Services Commission Meeting September 15, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541 – Remote Participation

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING AVAILABILITY: Webinar ID: 832 8501 8978 - Passcode: L7pw!SEP (for link): Passcode: 24212364 for "Dial-in Option"

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chairperson Arzo Mehdavi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Arti Garg

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

- Crystal Arrizon, Commissioner
- Artavia Berry, Commissioner / Vice Chairperson
- Varsha Chauhan, Commissioner
- Emily Chow, Commissioner
- Arti Garg, Commissioner
- Janet Kassouf, Commissioner
- Arzo Mehdavi, Commissioner / Chairperson
- Linda Moore, Commissioner
- Mick Rubio, Commissioner / Parliamentarian
- Corina Vasaure, Commissioner

Members Absent:

- Magdalena Cerna, Commissioner

Council Liaison:

- Council Member Sara Lamnin

Staff:

- Jessica Lobedan, Acting Community Services Manager
- Carol Lee, Management Analyst
- Evelyn R. Olivera, Senior Secretary

Guests:

- Lacei Amodei
- Tatiana Backlund
- Austin Bruckner
- Pascal Garcia-Montpetit
- Stan Long
- Collin Thormoto

Public Comments:

Aisha Knowles – Ashland Resident, Board Pres. of the Alameda County Office of Education, As a descendant of Russell City residents: father and many family members that grew up in Russell City, is requesting more outreach of Russell City issues and items. Ms. Knowles stated the only reason she was aware of the topic being discussed this evening was the information Councilmember Lamnin provided. She stated she finds the report lacking in information and better detail regarding the research and involvement with the current subcommittee, e.g., member names, how frequent items discussed, and any types of actions. She requests the commission to outreach to a broader audience especially with descendants of Russell City. She believes this to be a critical piece.

Approval of Minutes of the Community Services Commission Meeting on July 21, 2021

- A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Commissioner Varsha Chauhan with a second by Commissioner Arti Garg. The minutes were approved with nine (9) Ayes and one (1) abstention.

Discussion:

CAPER: 30-Day Public Notice

Ms. Lobedan provided overview of CAPER description and announced notification of publication of 30–Day notice.

NOFA: 30-Day Public Notice

Ms. Lobedan announced the 32–Day notification of publication for the Notice of Available Funding for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023.

CSC Elections

This item was moved to the next scheduled meeting on October 20, 2021.

CSC Recommendation of Resolution to Council on Harm Done to Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC)

Ms. Lobedan provided overview of the recommendation to CSC to review and approve the draft resolution to BIPOC on behalf of the City of Hayward and recommends that council adopt the resolution and review the current workplan.

- A motion to approve the CSC Recommendation of Resolution to Council on Harm Done to Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) with amendments: 1. Language reference to BIPOC include Latinx throughout; 2. the notation with reference to Russell City include “an unincorporated area of Hayward”; 3. Reaffirm reference and inclusion of Hayward being a Sanctuary City; and 4. Revisit work plan

on a yearly basis was moved by Commissioner Arti Garg with a second by Commissioner Varsha Chauhan. The item was approved unanimously.

CSC Agenda Planning Calendar

A motion to approve the agenda planning calendar with the following amended items: CSC Election item moved to October and addition of Revisit BIPOC Workplan item to December meeting was moved by Commissioner Arti Garg with a second by Commissioner Emily Chow. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council Liaison / Commissioner / Staff Announcements

- Ms. Lobedan announced effective October 1, 2021, return to in-person Commission meetings, tentatively located in Conference Room 2A.
- Ms. Lobedan announced the item regarding Community Agency Funding process & Joint committees from the CSC and City Council, to review questions identified by the CSC is tentatively scheduled for the October 19, 2021, City Council meeting pending any Council calendar changes.
- Commissioner Berry extended an invitation to new commissioners to attend the Multiplying Good Virtual National Ceremony, 2021 Jefferson Awards, scheduled for September 30, 2021.
- Commissioner Berry welcomed fellow commissioners to nominate prospective nominees to receive the National Jefferson Award.
- Commissioner Vasaure extended her gratitude to fellow commissioners for wonderful meeting as well as new commissioners for joining the committee.
- Councilmember Lamnin announced the annual recognition of volunteers via the Virtual Annual Volunteer Dinner will be launched on October 5, 2021, it can be watched at any time.
- Councilmember Lamnin reminded the commission about Alameda County Redistricting. She stated the county and state portals are up and running, the link will be shared with Ms. Lobedan to be provided to commissioners.
- Commissioner Mehdavi recognized the impending arrival of Afghan refugees to the Bay Area and extended her gratitude to and commended staff, Councilmember Lamnin and the entire City Council in their efforts and assistance in providing relieve to arriving refugees. In addition, expressed her pride in Hayward and recognized the City's role as a hub in coordinating incoming donations received in efforts to assist.

Adjournment at 9:38 p.m.