



MINUTES

Community Services Commission Meeting

December 16, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING AVAILABILITY: Meeting ID: 936 4545 9048#; Passcode: 57454910

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Arzo Mehdavi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Mick Rubio

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

- Crystal Arrizon, Commissioner
- Artavia Berry, Commissioner / Vice Chairperson
- Magdalena Cerna, Commissioner
- Varsha Chauhan, Commissioner
- Emily Chow, Commissioner
- Jose Lara Cruz, Commissioner
- Arti Garg, Commissioner
- Janet Kassouf, Commissioner
- Alicia Lawrence, Commissioner
- Arzo Mehdavi, Commissioner / Chairperson
- Linda Moore, Commissioner
- Zachariah Oquenda, Commissioner
- Afshan Qureshi, Commissioner
- Mick Rubio, Commissioner / Parliamentarian
- Lenora Taylor, Commissioner
- Corina Vasaure, Commissioner

Members Absent:

- David Tsao, Commissioner

Council Liaison:

- Council Member Sara Lamnin

Staff:

- Monica Davis, Community Services Manager
- Amy Cole-Bloom, Management Analyst
- Jessica Lobedan, Management Analyst
- Carol Lee, Management Analyst
- Evelyn R. Olivera, Senior Secretary

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes of the Community Services Commission Meeting on December 16, 2020

- A motion to approve the minutes with amendment to include Commissioner Lenora Taylor as present and in attendance was moved by Commissioner Lenora Taylor with a second by Commissioner Zachariah Oquenda. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Discussion:

ARC Selection for FY 2021 - 2022

Ms. Davis provided overview of ARC Subcommittee Selections. Each subcommittee will be comprised of Chair, its committee members and facilitating staff member each day. These ARC Subcommittees are tasked with interviewing agencies applying for funds for the FY 2021 – 2022 Funding Process. Interviews being conducted on January 23 and January 30, 2021.

Homelessness Update

Ms. Cole-Bloom provided update on overall homelessness efforts in the City of Hayward, as well as solicit input from commission on the Homelessness Reduction Strategic Plan with the assistance of Homebase Staff, a City of Hayward Consultant Agency, in attendance, to aid in further discussion of further reduction strategies.

Ms. Lobedan provided updates to the City of Hayward's response to homelessness issues as well as to homelessness during the pandemic since the Hayward Navigation Center (HNC) opened. This update includes statistics on the capacity reduction of the HNC in response to the necessity of social distancing.

Ms. Lobedan announced City Council approved the HNC Hotel Annex Project. This project will mirror the program design of the navigation center with a focus on individuals with increased vulnerabilities, serving up to 35 individuals experiencing homelessness.

Ms. Cole-Bloom provided Point in Time count planning committee update the county will do a sheltered count; and subpopulation information for those in residency. Due to the health and safety risk the unsheltered count was deemed not essential, at this time.

Community Conversations on Policing

Ms. Davis discussed the creation of the policy innovation workshops to utilize the lean innovation process to explore opportunities to address concerns raised during the community conversations around policing in Hayward. Applications to join these workshops will be released shortly and will be shared with the Community Services Commission.

CSC Agenda Planning Calendar

A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Commissioner Arzo Mehdavi with a second by Commissioner Arti Garg. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Liaison / Commissioner / Staff Announcements

- Commissioner Vasaure thanked exiting Commissioner Lara Cruz for his service to Hayward and good luck in new endeavors in Berkeley.
- Commissioner Lara Cruz thanked the commission for their well wishes and wished the commission good luck in the future.
- Commissioner Mehdavi thanked commissioner Lara Cruz for his service. She also announced the creation of a Go Fund Me account created by hospital colleagues and her to raise money for the Alameda County Community Food Bank with a focus on the Hayward Pop-Up Food Distribution. This was in response to an East Bay Times article that stated cars in line for food distribution had been turned away due to shortage of available food.
- Commissioner Lawrence announced a Toy Drive through La Familia, which will provide over 500 Hayward children with a toy for Christmas.
- Ms. Davis shared requested information regarding Light up the Season with the theme of Hope and Unity. The City's main website has a video with encouragement from the Mayor to participate.
- Ms. Davis also took this opportunity to thank the Commission for their dedication and service to the City of Hayward in light of the cancelled recognition ceremony due to the pandemic.
- Commissioner Garg announced concern of the vaccination roll out and would like an update provided to CSC. Her volunteer non-profit has a campaign for people with STEM background to reach out to their local communities to assist with the education of the vaccine.

Adjournment at 9:47 pm