



## **MINUTES**

### **Community Services Commission Meeting**

**February 19, 2020 @ 7:00 pm**

Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541 – Conference Room 2A

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Corina Vasare

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Linda Moore

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

- Artavia Berry, Commissioner
- Varsha Chauhan, Commissioner
- Emily Chow, Commissioner
- Jose Lara Cruz, Commissioner
- Arti Garg, Commissioner
- Janet Kassouf, Commissioner
- Alicia Lawrence, Commissioner
- Linda Moore, Commissioner
- Isabel Pimentel, Commissioner
- Afshan Qureshi, Commissioner / Parliamentarian
- David Tsao, Commissioner
- Corina Vasare, Commissioner / Vice Chairperson
- Rachel Zargar, Commissioner

Members Absent:

- Michael Francisco, Commissioner
- Saira Guzman, Commissioner
- Arzo Mehdavi, Commissioner / Chairperson
- Zachariah Oquenda, Commissioner

Council Liaison:

- Council Member Lamnin

Staff:

- Monica Davis, Community Services Manager
- Evelyn R. Olivera, Senior Secretary

Guests:

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| • Erin Scott   | • James Treggiari       | • Michael Cobb |
| • Cindy Ortega | • Pastor Arlene Nehring | • Aman Dhuper  |
| • Helen Ayala  | • Diane Figalde         | • Karen Norell |

Public Comments:

- Erin Scott, Executive Director of Family Violence Law Center, thanked the City of Hayward for the continued support of work on behalf of domestic violence survivors in Hayward.

While understanding the process and the difficulties allocating funds, made two requests of the Commission; As commission moves forward, please focus on the Safety Net Services and mentioned interest in partnering with City Council to advocate for more funding for the Safety Net Services.

- James Treggiari, Executive Director for Legal Assistance for Seniors, thanked the City of Hayward for funding consideration for older seniors in the community. He echoed concern for Safety Net Services funding; it is getting harder to maintain the level of services to the older adults of the community.
- Cindy Ortega, Program Director for Ruby's Place, read concerns of executive director; the proposed funding cut of \$15,000 is of concern and asks to please reconsider the funding reduction for Ruby's Place, a Hayward Homegrown Non-profit.

#### Approval of Minutes of the Community Services Commission Meeting on December 18, 2019

- A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Commissioner Lara Cruz with a second by Commissioner Lawrence. The minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Discussion:

##### *FY 2020-2021 Community Agency Funding Process CSC Draft Funding Recommendations*

Ms. Davis provided the Commission with an overview of the Application Review Committee (ARC) process consisting of three (3) different groups: 1. Arts & Music, 2. Economic Development / Infrastructure, and 3. Services. Ms. Davis also acknowledged the difficulties these committee's experienced allocating funding to far more applying agencies with less funding available.

Commissioner Berry provided the commission with an overview of the Economic Development / Infrastructure ARC. The in-person presentations proved to be more informative than the applications alone. She also highlighted several items: 1. Friends of Hayward, staircase work, they had further questions on the architecture and all commissioners on the ARC were willing to a site visit, 2. St. Rose's significant infrastructure requests for accessibility improvements, and 3. Disclosed lively discussion of St. Roses' status of non-profit versus for profit.

Commissioner Zargar provided an overview of the Arts & Music ARC. While noting the tough decisions due to a larger number of applicants with less funding, she noted Love Never Fails' powerful presentation and they do not plan to request additional funds because they actively fundraise. Commissioner Zargar also summarized to the Commission that the Municipal Band funding amount was lowered and had no desire to fundraise to supplement.

Commissioner Vasaure provided summary of Services ARC. Hard decisions were made during the two (2) full days of interviews and deliberations, due to more applicants and less funding. The ARC had interest to make allocations work to fund all the applying agencies. While they were okay with their decisions for funding, it was still difficult.

Ms. Davis announced the City of Hayward is given a yearly amount of funding for Public Services through CDBG Entitlement amount, which would be 15% of total amount for additional funding. This amount was not known at the time of the ARC Interviews.

Mr. Aman Dhuper, President CEO, St. Rose Hospital, provided the Community Services Commission with an overview of the organization, in addition to providing answers to questions regarding the business of St. Rose.

### *Strategic Planning Update*

Ms. Davis provided the Commission a summary of the Strategic Roadmap, which consists of fine tuning of the Strategic Initiatives previously identified by City Council. The roadmap primarily focuses on the day to day plan for “Special Projects” throughout Hayward.

### *FYI: OPEN: Public Comment Period Announced*

Comments regarding the Community Agency Funding process should be directed to Amy Cole at amy.cole@hayward-ca.gov.

### *CSC Agenda Planning Calendar*

Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Agenda Planning Calendar was updated as follows:

- A motion to move the Government Alliance for Race and Equity (GARE) Update to March meeting, was moved by Commissioner Zargar with a second by Commissioner Vasaure. The schedule was approved with 12 Ayes and 1 Abstention.

### *Council Liaison / Commissioner / Staff Announcements*

- Commissioner Moore thanked staff for all the work put into the funding process and recognizing the efforts of the Commission.
- Councilmember Lamnin announced several items: 1. City Council approved increase of minimum wage, final reading scheduled for March 10, 2. Housing Creation Workplan to create more affordable housing is tentatively scheduled for Council Meeting on March 3, 2020, and 3. April/May is City Budget Cycle kick-off.
- Commissioner Lawrence announced Allied Development Project on Depot Road no longer needs to be reviewed by City, it has been automatically approved by the State due to new law.
- Ms. Davis provided additional information regarding the Allied Housing Project. There is one final community meeting on March 4, 2020 to specifically announce the density bonus due to the development being 100% affordable.

Future Agenda Items: None

**Adjournment at 8:58 pm**