



MINUTES

Community Services Commission Meeting

June 17, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING AVAILABILITY: Phone No. 415.915.0612; Conference ID: 547 994 94#; Monica Davis Host – 24327

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Arzo Mehdavi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Jose Lara Cruz

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

- Emily Chow, Commissioner
- Michael Francisco, Commissioner

Council Liaison:

- Council Member Lamnin

Staff:

- Monica Davis, Community Services Manager
- Jessica Lobedan, Management Analyst
- Laurel James, Management Analyst
- Evelyn R. Olivera, Senior Secretary

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes of the Community Services Commission Meeting on March 18, 2020

- A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Commissioner Linda Moore with a second by Commissioner Janet Kassouf.

Discussion:

City of Hayward Draft Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Application

Ms. Lobedan provided an overview of the application plan to obtain state funding for the Hayward Navigation Center with the staff recommendation for the Community Services Commission to comment and affirm the application for the ongoing funding of the Hayward Navigation Center. Several Commissioners offered support for the application and affirming the creation of sustained funding for the Hayward Navigation Center.

Government Alliance for Race and Equity (GARE)

Ms. Davis and Ms. Lobedan provided overview of the City of Hayward's Racial Equity Action Plan, which focuses on building capacity to advance racial equity within organization change; hiring, retention and promotion; and service provision. Ms. James provided additional context of the Racial Equity Action Plan and its implementation in the City's work. The Commissioners provided feedback on the plan and requested to write a letter of support to be included at the next meeting. A subcommittee was formed with Commissioner Berry, Commissioner Chauhan, Commissioner Guzman, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Lawrence, Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Vasaure to draft a letter for the July meeting. Additionally, the Commissioners requested to add a training to the October meeting.

Adoption of FY 2020-2021 Agenda Calendar

To reflect the discussion during the GARE item, the letter of support item was added to the July meeting and Commissioner training was added to the October meeting. After review and discussion, the FY 2020-2021 Agenda Calendar was approved and adopted by the Commission. Motioned to approve by Commissioner Arzo Mehdavi with a second by Commissioner Zachariah Oquenda. Unanimously passed by the Commission.

Council Liaison / Commissioner / Staff Announcements

- Commissioner Mehdavi discussed the moving experience of the Peaceful Protest in Support of Black Lives Matter that occurred on June 3, 2020, in the Plaza area of City Hall. She also extended her support and expressed she is open to suggestions to improve support during these difficult times.
- Commissioner Oquenda acknowledged appreciation for the City of Hayward making an effort to address systemic racism. He announced that the Hayward Unified School District (HUSD) is undergoing their own anti-racism efforts to rebuild community racial equity.
- Commissioner Vasaure requested to have email distributed to the Commission announcing any new Commissioners as they arrive. She announced there are three (3) school board seats open within HUSD; offered encouragement to run for the opportunity to contribute in the process of racial equity within the Hayward school system.
- Ms. Davis provided update to upcoming Fiscal Year funding process:
 - In April, there was a request to allocate CDBG emergency funding.



- City of Hayward was the first to respond for request of the emergency funding; and,
- Encouraged Commissioners to attend the June 23, 2020, City Council Meeting.

Adjournment at 9:35 pm