



Minutes

Human Relations Commission

Commissioners Batton, Romero, Stone, Sylvester, Vice Chair Sharma and Chair Solomon

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Thursday, March 7, 2019

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Solomon called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

**Present** 6 - Commissioner Linda Batton, Vice Chair Arti Sharma, Commissioner Fernando Romero, Commissioner Lori Stone, Commissioner IdaRose Sylvester and Chair Julie Solomon

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1 **Minutes approval for February 7, 2019**

Motion - M/S - Sylvester/Batton - Minutes for the February 7, 2019, meeting were approved with the following modifications:

Item 6.1 - To recommend that the City Council fund Housing and Economics Rights Advocates at \$5,000, proportionally redistributing 2.5% of funding from each agency recommended with over \$5,000 in funding, resulting in a total General Fund Public Service allocation of \$220,707, with the funding recommendations below.

Item 7 - Commissioners Batton, Sylvester, and Chair Solomon attended the Santa Clara County Beacon of Light award ceremony on January 25.

Chair Solomon attended the City of Palo Alto Human Rights Commission meeting on January 10.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1

#### **Recommendations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Capital Project Funding Requests and Consideration of FY 2018-19 Annual Action Plan Amendment**

*Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager Tim Wong gave a staff report on the guidelines for use of the CDBG and HOME Capital Project Funding funds, summarized the funding requests, and provided direction for the consideration of the FY 2018-19 Annual Action Plan Amendment.*

*CDBG/HOME applicants commented on their proposals.*

Motion - M/S - Sylvester/Batton - To recommend to the City Council to approve staff's recommendation to allocate \$290,153 to Palo Alto Housing and \$99,847 to Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) for a total of \$390,000 in CDBG Capital Project funding, and \$180,000 to Palo Alto Housing for a total of \$180,000 in HOME Capital Project funding.

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Batton, Vice Chair Sharma, Commissioner Romero, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Sylvester and Chair Solomon

M/S - Stone/Sylvester - To approve the FY 2018-19 Annual Action Plan Amendment to revise Hope's Corner funded activity from accessibility and ADA improvements to the installation of a new fire sprinkler system and the rehabilitation of a bathroom.

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Batton, Vice Chair Sharma, Commissioner Romero, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Sylvester and Chair Solomon

## 7. COMMISSION/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, REQUESTS, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Commissioner Sharma and Assistant to the City Manager Gilmore provided an update on the Multicultural Festival. The festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 30 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Civic Center Plaza.*

*Commissioner Sylvester provided an update on the Civility Roundtable event scheduled for Saturday, April 6 from 1 pm -4:30 pm at the Senior Center. Event registration is live. Participants must pre-register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/civil-discourse-a-training-on-how-to-have-civil-conversations-tickets-57457076663>*

*Commissioners Batton, Romero, and Chair Solomon provided an update on the Immigrant Resources Needs and Assets Assessment.*

*Chair Solomon announced that the City of Palo Alto HRC will hold a LGBTQ Listening Session on March 11 at 6pm, and the Spanish Language Civic Leadership Academy will begin on March 20.*

*Commissioners Sylvester and Stone will represent the HRC at the Santa Clara County annual Human Rights Regional Organization meeting on March 13.*

*Assistant City Manager Ramberg announced that a special meeting of the HRC has been scheduled for Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. to provide advisory body input on the*

*Fiscal Year 2019-20 through Fiscal Year 2020-21 City Council Major Goals Work Plan  
Council Suggested Projects*

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 8:06 p.m., Chair Solomon adjourned the meeting to the special Human Relations Commission meeting to be held on March 28, 2019, in the Council Chambers, located at City Hall, 500 Castro Street, in the Council Chambers.*