



City of Mountain View

Minutes

Human Relations Commission

Thursday, April 4, 2024

6:30 PM

Plaza Conference Room and Video Conference,
500 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nwokidu called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Commissioner Jocelyn Chadwell, Commissioner Joan MacDonald, Commissioner Erik Poicon, Commissioner Molly Smith, Commissioner Xavier Webb, Vice Chair IdaRose Sylvester, and Chair Nirvana Nwokidu

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1 Minutes Approval for March 7, 2024

M/S - Sylvester/Poicon - Minutes from the March 7, 2024, meeting were approved without modifications.

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Chadwell, Commissioner MacDonald, Commissioner Poicon, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Webb, Vice Chair Sylvester, and Chair Nwokidu

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Peying Lee and Clara Jessup provided comment on the conflict in Gaza and Israel.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Storytelling Project Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner Smith provided the update asking the Commissioners to provide feedback on the project draft.

5.2 Gender Civility Roundtable Ad Hoc Committee

Vice Chair Sylvester provided the update and asked the Commission to assist with event promotion. The event will take place on April 18 in partnership with Candidly Speaking.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 Funding Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Action Plan

Affordable Housing Manager Julie Barnard provided the presentation.

Housing Director Wayne Chen and Human Services Manager Parneet Dhindsa were available to answer questions.

Commissioner Baird and Vice Chair Sylvester recused themselves for discussion of the funding recommendations related to the Community Services Agency at 6:58 p.m.

Commissioners directed questions to staff regarding the Community Services Agency funding recommendations.

No members of the public spoke.

Commissioners discussed the staff recommendation. Motion – M/S MacDonald/Poicon to approve the staff recommendation. Carried 5-0-0.

Commissioner Baird and Vice Chair Sylvester returned to the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Commissioners directed questions to staff regarding the balance of the CDBG and HOME funding recommendations.

The following members of the public spoke:

- *Melissa Lukin, Rebuilding Together Peninsula*

Commissioners discussed the balance of the staff recommendation. Motion – M/S Poicon/MacDonald to approve the balance of the staff recommendation listed below. Carried 7-0-0.

- 1. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 25 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funds.*
- 2. Allocate approximately \$2,130,000 (\$1,080,000 of available Community Development Block Grant and \$1,050,000 of available Home Investment Partnership Program funds) for capital projects, including affordable housing projects.*
- 3. Allocate \$180,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding to Rebuilding Together Peninsula for the minor home repair program.*
- 4. Allocate \$278,724 total from the General Fund for public service applicants recommended for funding.*

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

Vice Chair Sylvester asked how the Commission could take action on community requests for the HRC to recommend items to the Council for action. Principal Management Analyst James referred to Council Policy A-23 - Work Item Referral Process for Council Advisory Bodies and Councilmember Committees and Resolution 18198 which defines the Human Relations Commission's powers and responsibilities.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nwokidu adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.