



# City of Mountain View

## Minutes

### Human Relations Commission

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Thursday, March 2, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers, 500 Castro St., Mountain  
View, CA 94041

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Sylvester called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.*

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present** 6 - Commissioner Jocelyn Baird, Commissioner Erik Poicon, Commissioner Molly Smith, Commissioner Xavier Webb, Vice Chair Nirvana Nwokidu, and Chair IdaRose Sylvester

#### 3. MINUTES APPROVAL

##### 3.1 Minutes Approval for February 2, 2023

*M/S - Poicon/Webb to approve minutes for the February 2, 2023 regular meeting were approved with no modifications.*

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Baird, Commissioner Poicon, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Webb, Vice Chair Nwokidu, and Chair Sylvester

#### 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

*None.*

#### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### 5.1 Bystander Intervention Training Subcommittee

*Commissioner Poicon reported that the committee is looking at dates in the second week of May coordinating with CAIR.*

##### 5.2 Housing Insecurity Subcommittee

*Commissioner Webb reported that the committee is planning a two-hour event and exploring resource tabling, developing discussion questions, and identifying speakers.*

##### 5.3 Mental Health Subcommittee

*Commissioner Nwokidu reported that the subcommittee had identified a structure for the event which includes referral materials and a practical exercise. The event is planned for June. Once the date is confirmed, the committee will select a venue.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1** Federal Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Funding Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Action Plan

*Housing Specialist Harsha Ramchandani presented the item.*

*Deputy Development Services Director Wayne Chen was available for questions.*

*Commissioner Baird recused herself for discussion of the funding recommendations related to the Community Services Agency at 7:12 p.m.*

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

*The following members of the public spoke:*

- *Tom Myers, Community Services Agency*

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

*Commissioner Baird returned to the meeting at 7:27 p.m.*

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

*The following members of the public spoke:*

- *Mark Fishler, Parents Helping Parents*
- *Tracy Wingrove, Healthier Kids Foundation*
- *Melissa Luke, YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley*
- *Teresa Johnson, Meals on Wheels*
- *Melissa Lukin, Rebuilding Together*
- *Sharon Hudson, Vista Center for the Blind*
- *Georgia Bacil, Senior Adults Legal Assistance*
- *Joan MacDonald*

*Commissioners discussed the balance of the staff recommendation. Motion – M/S Poicon/Baird to approve the balance of the staff recommendation listed below. Carried 6-0-0.*

*1. Recommend and forward to the City Council allocations for approximately \$131,500 for public service applicants as shown in Table 2 below and \$2.23 million in capital projects for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Program funds as described in this report.*

*2. Related to Recommendation No. 1, if the actual Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program grant amount received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Federal Program Year 2023 is different from the estimated amount, then the increase or decrease will be proportionally allocated among applicants based on their awarded funding levels and up to the amount requested.*

3. *Recommend an estimated General Fund allocation of \$171,000 and \$95,540 of American Rescue Plan Act funding for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for public service applicants as shown in Table 3.*

4. *Related to Recommendation No. 3, if the adopted Fiscal Year 2023-24 City budget includes a General Fund amount different from the estimated \$171,000, then the increase or decrease will be proportionally allocated to public services applications based on their awarded funding levels and up to the amount requested.*

## 6.2

### Overview and Approval of the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

*Housing Specialist Harsha Ramchandani presented the item.*

*Deputy Development Services Director Wayne Chen and Stephanie Jennings, Senior Housing and Community Development Technical Assistance Advisor with the Cloudburst Group were available for questions.*

*Commissioners directed questions to staff regarding the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.*

*No members of the public spoke on this topic.*

*Commissioners discussed the staff recommendation. Motion – M/S Baird/Poicon to recommend approval of the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.*

**Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Baird, Commissioner Poicon, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Webb, Vice Chair Nwokidu, and Chair Sylvester

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

*Principal Management Analyst James announced that the April 6 meeting would be held in the Plaza Conference Room and include a discussion of Council Work Plan projects and that the Council Appointments Review Committee had recommended an appointee for the vacancy on the HRC.*

*Commissioner Poicon expressed appreciation to staff. Commissioner Webb also expressed appreciation for staff and noted that March 8 is International Women's Day. Commissioner Smith requested more information on applicants for future CDBG funding cycles. Commissioner Nwokidu encouraged applicants to attend future CDBG public hearings to respond to questions.*

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

*Chair Sylvester adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m.*