



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL – 500 CASTRO STREET
6:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. with Chair Malik presiding.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Kevin Boer, Serge Bonte, Shannon Casey, Jim Neal, Julie Solomon, Vice Chair Evan Ortiz, and Chair Aila Malik.

Absent: None.

3. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Motion—M/S Boer/Casey—Carried 7-0—Minutes for the February 2, 2017 meeting were approved without modification.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Sally Fox shared her experiences with working with her condominium board to improve the landscaping on the property.
- Brian Wo, cofounder of Before Our Very Eyes, a nonprofit focused on raising awareness of human-trafficking activities, introduced the nonprofit to the Human Relations Commission (HRC), and asked the Commission to consider collaborating to develop a local awareness event in Mountain View as part of the HRC's Fiscal Year 2017-18 work plan.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 COMMUNITY BUILDING FORUM EVENT DEBRIEF

NOTE: Item 5.1 was considered out of agenda order.

The Subcommittee presented an oral report for the event held on February 11, 2017.

The Commission discussed possible next steps/items for consideration for future events that includes planning a larger-scale resource fair for information and referrals; holding an immigrant community event at a school or at a local church; planning a celebration of community values; and establishing a virtual message board for continued dialogue.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING REQUESTS

NOTE: Item 6.1 was considered out of agenda order

The HRC held a public hearing to decide how CDBG and HOME capital project funding requests will be distributed. Senior Planner Adams gave a staff report on the City Council's guidelines for use of CDBG and HOME funds, listed the applicants, and provided direction for public hearing protocols. Senior Planner Adams took questions from the Commissioners. Chair Malik opened the floor for the applicants to speak.

CDBG/HOME Applicants—Representatives from Rebuilding Together and MidPen Housing commented on their proposals.

Motion—M/S Ortiz/Neal—Carried 6-1; Boer no—To recommend to City Council to approve staff's recommendation for the allocation of \$480,000 of CDBG funding, allocating \$40,000 to Rebuilding Together Peninsula Safe at Home Program, \$50,000 to Cortez Rental Rehabilitation Project, and \$390,000 to the MidPen Housing Fountains Apartments Rehabilitation, and an allocation of \$180,000 of HOME funding to the MidPen Housing new units at Shorebreeze Apartments, and to carry over \$10,000 of CDBG funding to Fiscal Year 2018-19.

6.2 REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON 2017-18 AND 2018-19 CITY COUNCIL MAJOR GOALS

Staff presented an overview of the City Council's proposed 2017-18 and 2018-19 City Council Major Goals, highlighting the proposed continuation of the three existing goals with minor modifications and the proposed fourth goal for 2017-18 and 2018-19, and existing advisory body work plan items that support the existing goals.

After dialogue and discussion, the Commission voted to recommend the following potential projects/activities/initiatives to support the City Council Major Goals for 2017-18 and 2018-19 for Council consideration:

Goal: Promote strategies to protect vulnerable populations and preserve the socioeconomic and cultural diversity of the community.

- Publicly funded elections
- Immigrant affairs commission
- Expansion of voting rights
- Human Rights City implementation (celebration/public art, policy analysis framework)

Goal: Improve the quantity, diversity, and affordability of housing with an added focus on middle-income and ownership opportunities.

- Prohibition of discrimination against Section 8 and rental subsidy recipients
- Policies regarding short-term rental (e.g., Airbnb)
- Explore community land trusts

Goal: Develop and implement comprehensive and coordinated transportation strategies to achieve mobility, connectivity, and safety for people of all ages.

- Increase use of traffic circles/roundabouts/rotaries
- Vision Zero
- Call boxes at parks

- Community education on distracted driving, especially to youth
- Develop Dutch intersections

Goal: Promote environmental sustainability with measurable outcomes.

- Lobby for State environmental regulation
- Require donation of food by restaurants, groceries, and other companies
- Water conservation education (post-drought)
- Increase community gardening
- Reduction of carbon emissions from construction
- Paperless Council and commission meetings

7. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Bonte requested letters of support to be sent to the South Asian community in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Jewish Center Community Center in Palo Alto.

Commissioner Bonte asked that staff provide Commissioners information, guidance, and/or training on public records act laws or requests and use of private devices in light of the recent State Supreme Court rulings.

Commissioner Neal clarified that the Day Worker Center reduced their request for funds from Fiscal Year 2015-16 and that he would like to understand the difference in funding requests for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

Commissioner Malik asked to add to a future agenda a discussion of a process by which the HRC could assess and recommend that the City Council take a position and/or write letters of solidarity or opposition in response to issues and/or events that occur in the community.

Commissioner Malik announced that the Multicultural Festival has been rescheduled to June 10, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Malik announced that the Los Altos Community Foundation is currently accepting applications for Project Inspire Mountain View.

Commissioner Malik announced that the Day Worker Center is planning a May Day rally on May 1 and has asked if the HRC could endorse the event.

Staff announced that the Downtown Spring Parade will be held on April 22, 2017. Commissioners are invited to participate in the parade.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

CG/7/MGR

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