



## Minutes

### Human Relations Commission

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

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Thursday, November 1, 2018

6:30 PM

Plaza Conference Room

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### 2. ROLL CALL

*Commissioner Solomon recused herself from the meeting at 6:36 p.m.*

**Present** 6 - Commissioner Linda Batton, Commissioner Nicole Isger, Commissioner Arti Sharma, Vice Chair Julie Solomon, Chair Kevin Boer and Commissioner IdaRose Sylvester

#### 3. MINUTES APPROVAL

##### 3.1 Minutes approval for October 4, 2018.

Motion - M/S - Sylvester/Isger - Minutes for the October 4, 2018 meeting were approved with the following modification:

Item 5.3 - The Immigrant Resources Needs and Assets Assessment Subcommittee discussed, but did not commit to conducting a survey.

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Batton, Commissioner Isger, Vice Chair Solomon, Chair Boer and Commissioner Sylvester

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Sharma

#### 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

*None.*

#### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None.*

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

##### 6.1 Community for All Grant for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19.

*Vice Chair Julie Solomon shared that she is an unpaid board member of Human Agenda, which is related to the Rapid Response Network, and that she was advised by the City Attorney that she must recuse herself from the remainder of the meeting. Vice Chair Solomon left the meeting (disconnected from the conference call) at 6:36 PM.*

*Assistant City Manager Audrey Seymour Ramberg provided an oral presentation on the Community for All Grant Program and staff's funding recommendations. Principal Management Analyst Melvin E. Gaines mentioned that representatives from Building Skills Partnership were unable to attend the meeting. Chair Boer opened public comment and invited applicants to speak.*

*Speaking from the floor, statements of concern and support were received from:*

*Mr. Robert Yabes on behalf of Catholic Charities.*

*Ms. Evelyn Brown on behalf of the Center for Employment Training*

*Ms. Eonis Pelayo on behalf of Community Services Agency*

*Mr. Andrew Schutts on behalf of Council on American-Islamic Relations*

*Ms. Maria Marroquin on behalf of the Day Worker Center of Mountain View*

*Ms. Raania Mohsen on behalf of Islamic Networks Group*

*Mr. Lew Epstein on behalf of Just Read*

*Ms. Stephanie Jayne and Mr. Salvador Bustamonte on behalf of Rapid Response Network in Santa Clara County*

*Ms. Guadalupe Garcia and Ms. Priya Murthy on behalf of Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network*

*Ms. Kelly Batson on behalf of United Way Bay Area*

*Motion - M/S – Isger/Sylvester: Recommend the City fund 6 agencies, (Building Skills Partnership, Council on American-Islamic Relations, Center for Employment Training, Islamic Networks Group, Rapid Response Network in Santa Clara County, and Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network) \$9,300; 4 agencies (Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, Community Services Agency, Day Workers Center, and United Way Bay Area) \$4,400; and 1 agency (Just Read) \$1,600.*

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Batton, Commissioner Isger, Commissioner Sharma, Chair Boer and Commissioner Sylvester

**Absent:** 1 - Vice Chair Solomon

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

*Chair Boer informed the Commission that he is resigning due to his family moving to another city.*

*Assistant City Manager Seymour Ramberg presented Chair Boer with a service pin and certificate for his service to the Human Relations Commission.*

*Commissioner Isger attended the October Council Neighborhood Committee meeting.*

*Commissioner Sylvester announced that the Civility Roundtable will be April 6, 2019.*

*Commissioner Batton has been working with the Senior Center to organize focus groups with the Mandarin speaking community.*

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 8:55 p.m., Chair Boer adjourned the meeting to the Human Relations Commission meeting to be held on January 3, 2019, in the Plaza Conference Room, located at City Hall, 500 Castro Street.*