

**City of Alameda, California
SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024
APPROVED MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Scott Means called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: President Scott Means, Vice President Samantha Green, Board Members Gerald Bryant, Michelle Buchholz, Dianne Yamashiro-Omi and Cindy Pile (attended remotely)

City staff: Amy Wooldridge and Andre Fairley

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-A Review and Approve June 27, 2024 Draft Minutes

A motion to approve the revised June 27, 2024 minutes was made by Board Member Buchholz and seconded by Board Member Bryant. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, Buchholz, and Pile. Nays: none. Motion passed 6-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Josh Altieri, Community Relations Manager with the Alameda Housing Authority (AHA), provided the following update on current AHA projects:

- Construction of the first two residential buildings of the North Housing Master Plan have begun:
 - Linnet Corner: 64 apartment homes to those aged 62 and up, including dedicated space for unhoused senior veterans
 - Estuary I: 45 apartments (24 studios, 20 one bedroom units, and 1 two bedroom manager's unit) for formerly homeless individuals
- AHA is investing \$8.6 million and 80 project-based vouchers toward both properties
- AHA continues to work with social service partner, Alameda Boys and Girls Club as well as Alameda Food Bank, providing weekly food distribution at senior sites
- In coordination with the City's Sustainability Department, AHA was able to include the Esperanza Apartments into their CalFire Grant Applications
- For additional information, please visit <https://www.alamedahsg.org/>

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Status Report of Emergency Response Services for People Experiencing Homelessness in the City of Alameda

Staff member Fairley shared the detailed staff report with the Board.

Public Comment:

Andre Sandford, Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program Manager with MNC Inspiring Success, introduced himself, sharing that he is a candidate for California State Assembly, District 18. He asked if there are plans to address the potential impact following Executive Order N-1-24, highlighting the possibility of an influx of unhoused individuals relocating to Alameda from nearby cities.

Board Discussion:

- Board Member Bryant suggested that SSHRB meet with Alameda Point Collaborative (APC) to discuss possible grant opportunities and offer support.
- Board Member Yamashiro-Omi asked if Alameda Hospital is eliminating surgeries. Assistant City Manager Wooldridge shared that Alameda Hospital is eliminating elective surgeries. Adding that a large percentage of elective surgeries performed at Alameda Hospital were on non-Alameda residents.
- Vice President Green suggested that City staff continue promoting the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and the CARES Team, as not all residents know these services.

A motion to accept the Bi-Annual Status Report of Emergency Response Services for People Experiencing Homelessness in the City of Alameda was made by President Means and seconded by Board Member Bryant. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, Buchholz, and Pile. Nays: none. Motion passed 6-0.

5-B Nominate and Elect Social Service Human Relations Board President and Vice President

Public Comment – None

Board Member Buchholz nominated Scott Means for President, and Board Member Yamashiro-Omi motioned to elect. Ayes: Vice President Green, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, Buchholz, and Pile. Nays: none. Abstained: President Scott Means. Motion passed 5-0-1.

Board Member Buchholz nominated Samantha Green for Vice President, and Board Member Bryant motioned to elect. Ayes: President Means, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, Buchholz, and Pile. Nays: none. Abstained: Vice President Green. Motion passed 5-0-1.

5-C Discuss and Review Social Service Human Relations Board Workgroup Reports

Public Comment – None

- The Road Home/People Experiencing Homelessness (Means, Green):
 - Vice President Green shared that they attended the kickoff meeting with City staff and Homebase to discuss the progress report on *The Road Home*.

- The progress report is scheduled to be presented to SSHRB in October and City Council in November.
- Assistant City Manager Wooldridge highlighted that President Green and Vice President Means will be included in all upcoming meetings with Homebase.
- President Means asked for clarification regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications and review process. If a member of SSHRB is on the Board for one of the agencies applying, are they excluded from reviewing all of the applications or just the one they chair? Assistant City Manager Wooldridge stated she would confirm the official guidelines and get back to the board.
- Alamedans Together Against Hate (Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant):
 - Board Member Yamashiro-Omi shared their upcoming events:
 - The Poetry Slam is scheduled for September 21, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Healing Gardens on Webster Street.
 - Presenting at the upcoming Alameda Collaboration for Children, Youth, and their Families (ACCYF) meeting.
 - The United Against Hate Week National Group meeting will be held on September 4.
 - Board Member Yamashiro-Omi asked if the City could assist with specialty “swag” items for United Against Hate Week. Assistant City Manager Wooldridge confirmed that she can share the contact information for vendors that the City currently works with.
- Domestic Violence Task Force (Buchholz, Pile):
 - Board Member Pile emphasized the importance of sharing domestic violence resources throughout the community.
 - Assistant City Manager Wooldridge highlighted AUSD’s mental health and domestic violence resources and suggested that SSHRB reach out to inquire if they were interested in participating in the Poetry Slam.
 - Board Member Yamashiro-Omi asked Board Member Pile to send her an email listing businesses that may want to participate in the Poetry Slam.
 - Board Member Pile praised the recent Board’s and Commission’s Event and suggested that the City do something similar for Alameda service providers. Assistant City Manager Wooldridge shared that the City’s Housing and Human Services Division hosts a quarterly meeting for its local service providers and will invite SSHRB to join the next meeting.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager Wooldridge reported the following:

- On July 16, City Council approved a Service Provider Agreement for the Interim Supportive Housing and Property Management Services at Dignity Village with Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (BOSS).
- In addition, the City released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to obtain a long-term provider at Dignity Village.
- The Village of Love relocation project has begun, and City staff will continue to share progress updates as they are available.
- Lisa Fitts’s last day with the City of Alameda is August 8. City staff have started recruiting for her position.

- Grecia Mannah-Ayon, the Housing and Human Services Program Manager, will manage most of the homeless services moving forward.
- Krystina Stephens has accepted the position of Community Outreach Specialist.
- City staff will continue to discuss options for adding a Youth component to SSHRB.

Board Member Bryant asked if the City has identified a location for The Village of Love relocation project. Assistant City Manager Wooldridge confirmed that City staff have identified a potential location (on Alameda Point) and are working with a project manager/consultant and an architect to determine if the location is viable.

Board Member Buchholz asked for an update on the open SSHRB position, sharing that she knows individuals who would be interested in applying. Assistant City Manager Wooldridge shared that she and the Mayor have been in contact with Bernie Wolf and are scheduled to meet with him in the coming weeks prior to finalizing his resignation. She added that the process to re-appoint can be lengthy.

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

President Means shared that National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 6.

Staff Member Fairley confirmed that he will request and forward a list of permitted locations/parties.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

President Means adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.