

City of Alameda, California
SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 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, Board Members Gerald Bryant, Michelle Buchholz, Dianne Yamashiro-Omi, and Cindy Pile

Attended Remotely: Vice President Samantha Green and Board Member Bernie Wolf

City staff: Andre Fairley and Marcie Johnson

2-A Season for Non-Violence Word of the Day

President Means shared the Word of the Day: Golden Rule.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-A Review and Approve February 22, 2024 Draft Minutes

A motion to approve the February 22, 2024 minutes was made by Board Member Buchholz and seconded by Board Member Pile. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, Buchholz, Pile, and Wolf. Nays: none. Motion passed 7-0-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Paratransit Services Presentation

Katherine Kaldis, the City of Alameda's Paratransit Coordinator, presented the City's Transportation Program Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities for Fiscal Year 2024-25. The presentation detailed the AC Transit Bus Pass Program, the Alameda Independent Mobility Program (AIM), customer service and outreach, and staff recommendations.

Public Comment – None.

Board Questions/Comments:

- Board Member Yamashiro-Omi asked if the program needs additional funding for translation services. Ms. Kaldis shared the various resources already in place, highlighting the volunteers who assist with translation.
- Board Member Buchholz asked if the program can be used with other transit agencies, like Bart or the Ferry. Ms. Kaldis shared that the Free Pass is only for AC Transit.
- President Means asked if the five (5) rides through the AIM program are one-way or round-trip. Ms. Kaldis answered, one-way.

A motion to approve the Transportation Program Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities for Fiscal year 2024-25 was made by Board Member Bryant and seconded by President Means. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, Buchholz, Pile, and Wolf. Nays: none. Motion passed 7-0-0.

5-B Review and Approve 2024-25 Annual Work Plan for City Council Consideration

Public Comment – None.

Board Members reviewed the Work Plan and made the following change:

- Revised the name of The Road Home / Homelessness Work Group to The Road Home Work Group.

A motion to approve the modified 2024-25 Annual Work Plan for City Council Consideration was made by Board Member Buchholz and seconded by Board Member Bryant. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, Buchholz, Pile, and Wolf. Nays: none. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Ms. Johnson shared that the Work Plan will be presented to City Council on May 7 2024, and encouraged Board Members to attend. She confirmed that City Staff will send a calendar hold for this meeting.

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

Public Comment – None

- Domestic Violence Task Force (Buchholz, Wolf, Pile):
 - Board Member Pile shared that they have completed their edits on the Therapist Survey and distributed to 60 private practices in Alameda. She hosted a table at the Youth Career/Job Fair called the “Stress-Free Zone,” where students were invited to sit down and decorate a rock with acrylic markers.
 - Board Member Pile will attend the next Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth and their Families (ACCFY) meeting to report on her table and experience participating in the Youth Career/Job Fair.
 - Ms. Johnson shared that Board Member Bryant also attended the Youth Career/Job Fair, assisting students with their resumes. Highlighting, 132 students brought resumes with them, and 51 students asked for assistance putting together a resume.
- Alamedans Together Against Hate (Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant, Buchholz):
 - Board Member Yamashiro-Omi shared that they scheduled a meeting with

- the City of Davis to discuss their initiative.
- Board Member Bryant highlighted the April 21 Supper & Support event, where Dr. Cindy Acker will present.
- Board Member Buchholz shared the idea of developing a tip sheet on how to make City events more inclusive to all people. She also highlighted that she met with Adam Gillitt, Publisher of the Alameda Post, and he confirmed they have a calendar on their website for all things Alameda.
- Outreach and Community Engagement (Means, Green): This workgroup is in transition. There is no additional update at this time.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

6-A Status Report on Homeless Services

Ms. Johnson shared the following update:

- Dignity Village recently hosted two (2) events:
 - De-escalation training with FiveKeys and City staff
 - Advisory Board Meeting (President Means is on the Board)
- Three (3) individuals have received a housing match and will be moving out of the Emergency Supportive Housing Program.
- The Main Street Clean-Up (a collaboration between Housing and Human Services, the Homeless Outreach Team, Alameda Police, and the Public Works Departments) continues on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. It should be noted that the clean-up often includes items that have been dumped, not from the unhoused population.
- On Monday, March 25, an unhoused individual named Henry Marshall Bull was found deceased at Marina Cove Park (no foul play or substance abuse was involved).

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

Board Member Buchholz mentioned the upcoming Boards and Commission Appreciation Reception on Thursday, May 30, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the O'Club.

President Means shared that Vision Zero Alameda is hosting the 2024 Traffic Safety Open House on Wednesday, April 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Main Library (Stafford Room).

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

President Means adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.