

City of Alameda, California
SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024
APPROVED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Scott Means called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: President Scott Means, Vice President Samantha Green, Board Members Gerald Bryant, Dianne Yamashiro-Omi, Bernie Wolf and Cindy Pile.

Absent: Board Member Michelle Buchholz (excused)

City staff: Marcie Johnson, Grecia Mannah-Ayon, Andre Fairley, Krystina Stephens (attended remotely) and Sesina Haile

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-A Review and Approve July 25, 2024 Draft Minutes

A motion to approve the revised July 25, 2024, minutes was made by Board Member Bryant and seconded by Board Member Pile. Ayes: President Means, Vice President Green, Board Members Bryant, Yamashiro-Omi, and Pile. Nays: none. Abstained: Board Member Wolf. Motion passed 5-0-1.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sesina Haile – Miss Haile shared that she just completed her summer internship with the City of Alameda’s Housing and Human Services (HHS) Division. She stated that she had a memorable and positive experience during her internship.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5-A Discussion of Tonarigumi (Japantown) Marker in the City of Alameda

Jane Chisaki, former City of Alameda Library Director, shared a presentation. A copy of the presentation can be found [here](#).

Board Members complimented Ms. Chisaki on her work and shared some of their personal experiences.

Public Comment – None.

5-B Discussion of McKay Avenue Alameda Wellness Center

Doug Bigg, Executive Director of Alameda Point Collaborative (APC), shared a presentation. A copy of the presentation can be found [here](#).

Vice President Green asked if APC is eligible for Proposition 1 reallocation funds. Mr. Biggs confirmed.

President Means highlighted the Case Management services and asked what providers APC works with. Mr. Biggs stated they are partnered with LifeLong Medical Care.

President Means requested a copy of the presentation. Staff Member Johnson stated that she could forward it to the Board and confirmed that it would be linked in the minutes.

Public Comment – None.

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

Public Comment – None

- The Road Home/People Experiencing Homelessness (Means, Green):
 - President Means shared that they have continued their meetings with Homebase.
 - Vice President Green shared that the report will offer a narrative to compliment goals achieved. Part of the narrative may come from residents at Dignity Village.
 - The progress report will be presented to SSHRB in October and taken to City Council in November.
- Alamedans Together Against Hate (Yamashiro-Omi, Bryant):
 - Board Member Yamashiro-Omi shared that all the September 21 Poetry Slam invites have been sent out and highlighted that there was a more significant number of responses than in the previous year.
 - Requested assistance in distributing flyers throughout the City.
 - Staff Member Johnson shared that the Alameda Food Bank confirmed they will donate snacks and water for the event.
- Domestic Violence Task Force (Buchholz, Pile, Wolf):
 - Board Member Pile has continued to post information regarding Mental Health on local communication sites.
 - Board Member Wolf met with Assistant City Manager Amy Wooldridge to discuss domestic violence in Alameda. Ms. Wooldridge shared that many of the crimes reported are related to domestic violence. In turn, this highlights the need to focus on preventative measures.
 - Board Member Wolf will need support from City staff to schedule upcoming meetings.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Introductions:

- Grecia Mannah-Ayon, Program Manager with Housing and Human Services
- Krystina Stephens, Community Outreach Specialist with Housing and Human Services

Staff Member Mannah-Ayon shared the following updates:

- HHS staff will present an Amendment to the Agreement with Cerda-Zein to City

Council on September 17. HHS is proposing a contract extension that would authorize Cerda-Zein to continue property management services for Emergency Supportive Housing for a term of one year until Base Reuse and Economic Development RFP for services on Alameda Point.

- City staff received ten (10) responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Interim Supportive Housing and/or Emergency Supportive Housing Service Provider. An interview panel will conduct interviews in early September.
- Staff is recommended a Mastick Senior Center Rental Reduction program for two (2) rental units on the Mastick Senior Center Campus to City Council on September 17. Information gleaned from the 2023 Alameda Community Needs Assessment was appreciated.
- On July 30, 2024, the City of Alameda submitted the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) annual report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for fiscal year 2023-24. The City was awarded \$868,492.75 in PLHA funds. Four projects received PLHA funds during the reporting period between July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024: Estuary I (North Housing PSH I), Midway Shelter, Emergency Case Management Services, and Dignity Village.
- The Housing and Human Services Manager job posting closed in early August, and the interview cycle was completed this week.
- The City of Alameda has applied to be a Limited Access Point for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). With the addition of Krystina Stephens, formerly from Building Futures, which holds the mid-County Housing Resource Center contract with the County of Alameda, HHS is eager to contribute to the screening and assessment process for individuals experiencing homelessness to help connect them with housing solutions through the Coordinated Entry System.

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

None.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Staff Member Fairley shared that the City of Alameda is working jointly with Alameda County to conduct an Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing. City staff encourages community members to participate in active discussions and complete the survey. Community meetings will be held throughout Alameda County on 9/10, 9/11, and 9/12. The AI survey will be available/open until 9/13.

9. ADJOURNMENT

President Means adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.