

**City of Alameda, California**  
**SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD**  
**THURSDAY, September 24, 2020**

**FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Christine Chilcott called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Attendance: President Christine Chilcott, Vice President Pravda Wright, Board members Joanna Paillet-Growl, Kristin Furuichi Fong, Moustafa Aly, and Sarah Lewis.

City staff: Ana Bagtas, Eric Fonstein, Lois Butler

Absent: none

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2020 was made by Board member Lewis and seconded by Board member Furuchi Fong. Ayes: President Chilcott, Vice President Wright, Board members Paillet-Growl, Furuichi Fong, Lewis, and Aly. Nays: none. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**5. AGENDA ITEMS**

**5a. 2020-8331 Discuss and Recommend Board's Role on the Proposed Long-Range Planning for the Homeless and Development of Transitional Housing Option for Alameda's Unhoused**

Staff member Bagtas presented the historical context of SSHRB's involvement in developing services for the homeless, and provided an overview of Alameda's existing services. Bagtas notified SSHRB that the City Council identified priorities for 2020-2021 this summer, including the need for a long-range plan for the homeless and the development of transitional housing options for Alameda's unhoused. Bagtas corrected the staff report to state that the presentation to City Council on October 6<sup>th</sup> will be a presentation only, and not a request for funding. Bagtas answered clarifying questions and invited discussion. Board members discussed the proposal, focusing on the importance of transitional housing in tackling homelessness, the possible format for participation (steering committee vs. task force), level of time commitment, utilizing a consultant for drafting policies and reports, and the importance of collaboration with County efforts. A motion to approve participation in developing both long-range planning

for the homeless and transitional housing options was made by Board member Lewis and seconded by Board member Paillet-Growl. Ayes: President Chilcott, Vice President Wright, Board members Paillet-Growl, Furuichi Fong, Lewis, and Aly. Nays: none. Motion carried unanimously.

## **5b. Workgroup Progress Reports**

- Census 2020 – Staff member Bagtas reported updates, including an outreach event at the Day Center for unhoused individuals, County efforts to count unhoused individuals, and an overview of census track count to-date.
- Homeless Action Plan – Board member Wright updated that things are going well at the Day Center and Safe Parking.
- Youth Mental Health - Board member Paillet-Growl and staff member Bagtas shared that there is a translated Youth Mental Health survey in circulation now.
- Domestic Violence Task Force – Board member Furuichi Fong provided updates, including that funding had not been granted by the State to the County for purchase of the Marina Village Inn as a shelter for domestic violence (DV) victims. Furuichi Fong also provided a summary of APD's August reports of domestic violence, and a discussion of providing cell phones to domestic violence victims to facilitate providing assistance. Board member Aly shared the DV Task Force sub-committee's plans to modify and develop DV messaging for distribution.
- Community Service Awards (CSA) – Board member Aly reported that the solicitations for nominees have gone out to the public, judges have been secured, and planning for the CSA event is under way. Staff member Bagtas asked for suggestions for event entertainment.

## **6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

### **6a. Homelessness Updates and Initiatives**

- Staff member Bagtas reported the following:
  - HEAP funding has been completely allocated.
  - The Warming Shelter will likely reopen after Thanksgiving, and may offer shower services this winter.
  - A new County program, Street Health, is now active in Alameda, providing a combination of outreach, psychiatric, and dental help for unhoused individuals.
  - The Day Center and Safe Parking programs have expanded hours to include evenings and weekends, and now provide additional outreach/transportation.
  - The Block by Block ambassador pilot program is approved and will help to keep business districts clean, provide hospitality to shoppers, and offer outreach to the homeless.
  - The Sunsetting Homelessness Parking Meters are ready for installation.
  - County Supervisor Wilma Chan hosted a productive town hall regarding the Marina Village Inn.

- Caltrans and the City have collaborated on cleanup at The Posey Tube encampment, and ongoing trash collection is in place to mitigate health concerns.

#### **7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA**

None.

#### **8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

President Chilcott adjourned the meeting at 8:19pm.