



APPROVED MINUTES

SUNNYVALE HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010

The Housing & Human Services Commission met in a regular session in the Heritage Building at 550 E. Remington Dr., Sunnyvale Community Center, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 on March 24, 2010 at 7:13 p.m. with Vice-Chair Anderson presiding.

ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present: Eric Anderson, Hannalore Dietrich, Fred Fowler, Younil Jeong, Mathieu Pham.

Commission Members Absent: Dori Hailu (excused)

Staff Present: Hanson Hom, Director of Community Development, Suzanne Isé, Housing Officer, and Edith Alanis, Housing Programs Technician.

Others Present: Nancy Tivol, Jennifer Springer, Elizabeth Bonnett, Kathleen King, Patricia Lord

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

NONE

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Fowler announced that he is again president of the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association and that the association is revamping their website. He invited everyone to visit www.lvna.net to learn more about the Lakewood Village neighborhood.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A Draft Minutes of January 13, 2010.

Vice-Chair Anderson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2010.

Commissioner Dietrich moved and Commissioner Pham seconded to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2010 as presented.

Motion passed 3-0-2, Commissioners Fowler and Jeong abstained because they were not present at the meeting.

1.B Draft Minutes of February 24, 2010.

Vice Chair Anderson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2010.

Commissioner Fowler moved and Commissioner Pham seconded to approve the Minutes of February 24, 2010 as amended.

Motion passed 2-0-3. Vice-Chair Anderson, and Commissioners Dietrich and Jeong abstained because they were not present at the meeting.

Commissioner Fowler pointed out an omission under the "Non Agenda Items and Comments" heading on the February 24, 2010 minutes and asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that the Chair and Commissioners present decided to have a special meeting before the next regular meeting to cover the following agenda items: 1) Put together the 2010 Work Plan, 2) Discuss Housing and Human Services policies in the General Plan and advise the Housing and Human Services General Plan committee delegates as to the Commission's priorities, and 3) Adopt the minutes of January 13, 2010.

Commissioners agreed to make the suggested amendment.

1.C Draft 2010 Work Plan.

Vice Chair Anderson asked for a motion to approve the Draft 2010 Work Plan.

Commissioner Fowler asked that the following three items be added to the 2010 Draft Work Plan.

1. A review of existing Council Policy on Human Services with an emphasis on understanding the populations that are prioritized.
2. A review of existing Council Housing Policy with an emphasis on those policy elements that are in the General Plan, in order to advise the General Plan committee delegates about what the Commission's priorities are.
3. A field-based review of the human service agencies who currently receive City funding, to gain understanding of how well they conform to the Human Services Policies that the City has articulated and that the Commission has reviewed, and in preparation for the Human Services grant process that will take place in the later part of this year.

After some discussion Vice Chair Anderson asked for a motion on the proposed additions to the Work Plan.

Commissioner Fowler moved and Commissioner Dietrich seconded to add a review of the City's current Council Housing Policies to the May meeting.

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Commissioner Fowler moved and Commissioner Dietrich seconded to add a review of the City's current Human Services Policy to the July meeting.

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Commissioner Fowler moved and Commissioner Dietrich seconded to add an item to the July meeting regarding forming a subcommittee to develop a proposal for a field-based review of the City's currently funded human services agencies.

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Vice Chair Anderson asked for a motion to adopt the 2010 Work Plan as amended.

Commissioner Fowler moved and Commissioner Dietrich seconded to adopt the 2010 Work Plan as amended.

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Review of Draft 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan and Recommendation to Council.

Officer Isé gave an overview of the Consolidated Plan and explained that it is a 5-year strategic plan and budget for the federal grants received by the City for housing and community development activities intended to address the City's priority needs.

This plan is supplemented by a more detailed annual budget called the "Action Plan" which describes the specific activities that will be funded and completed during the coming fiscal year. The Action Plan will be reviewed by this Commission in April.

Vice Chair Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Jennifer Springer, who works for Nova, gave a presentation about their Youth Employment Program which provides at-risk youth age 16 to 24 with a summer job opportunity in order to obtain work experience and critical job skills.

Kathleen King, Executive Director of the Santa Clara Family Health Foundation, spoke about the Healthy Kids Program which provides medical, dental, and vision care insurance coverage for low-income children age 6 to 18. She also mentioned that El Camino Hospital matches every dollar that the City of Sunnyvale grants to this program.

Elizabeth Bonnett, a staff attorney with Senior Adults Legal Assistance, spoke about the free legal services that they provide for seniors age 60 and older. She mentioned that violence against seniors by younger family members is increasing due to economic difficulties.

Nancy Tivol, Executive Director of Sunnyvale Community Services, spoke about the food program and emergency financial assistance that they provide to Sunnyvale residents. She indicated that community needs continue to increase exponentially.

Patricia Lord, City of Sunnyvale staff, reported briefly on input she had received from the City's Accessibility Advisory Committee. They expressed great support for the curb cuts that have been made possible with CDBG funds. On the other hand, they expressed concern about a segment of disabled individuals who are employed and do not qualify for City's low income Home Access grants, but could really benefit from them. They suggested developing an eligibility sliding scale to allow moderate-income households to also receive some assistance. In addition, they pointed out that specialized equipment, such as special wheelchairs that are

sometimes required by disabled individuals, can be very costly and requested some help with that.

Vice Chair Anderson closed the public hearing at 8:37 p.m.

After some brief discussion Commissioners agreed to focus on Chapter 5, and to give input to staff on Table 5.3 if desired.

Officer Isé answered questions and reviewed some of the tables and data in the Plan.
Vice Chair Anderson asked for a motion.

Commissioner Fowler moved and Commissioner Dietrich seconded to postpone any recommendation to Council on this item to the next meeting.

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

3. Election of Officer(s).

Vice Chair Anderson opened the floor for nominations and asked if anyone was interested in serving as Chair.

Commissioner Fowler nominated Vice Chair Anderson; Vice Chair Anderson asked if there were other nominations. No other nominations were brought forward.

Commissioner Fowler nominated and Commissioner Pham seconded the nomination of Vice Chair Anderson for the office of Chair.

Passed unanimously 5-0.

Chair Anderson opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Pham nominated Commissioner Fowler for the office of Vice Chair, Commissioner Fowler expressed that perhaps another Commissioner would benefit from the experience, since he had served as chair previously.

Commissioner Dietrich nominated and Commissioner Fowler seconded the nomination of Commissioner Pham for the office of Vice Chair.

Passed unanimously 5-0.

4. Report on Status of the General Plan Consolidation Project.

Commissioner Fowler attended the last meeting in place of the Commission's selected representative and alternate, who were not able to attend. He requested that staff distribute the notes that he took to the rest of the Commissioners.

5. Elect or confirm representative and alternate representative(s) to the General Plan Consolidation Advisory Committee.

Chair Anderson had indicated earlier that if he became Chair he preferred not to serve as General Plan Consolidation Advisory Committee representative as well.

Commissioner Dietrich nominated and Vice Chair Pham seconded the nomination of Commissioner Fowler to replace Chair Anderson as the General Plan Consolidation Advisory Committee representative.

Passed unanimously 5-0.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- BOARDMEMBERS OR COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS
 - Commissioner Fowler proposed to have a get-together dinner party. The rest of the Commissioners agreed to a weekend potluck. Date to be determined.
 - Chair Anderson extended an invitation to a slide-show presentation of his recent Antarctica tour.
- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS
NONE

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fowler moved and Commissioner Jeong seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Isé
Housing Officer