



City of Scottsdale
Human Services Commission
Regular Meeting

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

Thursday, March 26, 2015
Vista Del Camino
7700 E. Roosevelt St
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

PRESENT: Raoul Zubia, Chair
Dustin Thomas, Vice Chair
Nicholas Thomas, Commissioner
Enid Seiden, Commissioner
Donald Nordlund, Commissioner (arrived at 5:09 p.m.)
Marty Day, Commissioner (arrived at 5:06 p.m.)
Josina Tishler, Commissioner (arrived at 5:08 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: Jan Cameron, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Human Services
Tim Miluk, Human Services Manager
Michelle Albanese, Community Assistance Manager
Michele Payakovich, Senior Grant Program Specialist
Diane Ethington, Grants Accountant
Janie Wilkey, Administrative Secretary
Justin Boyd, Housing Coordinator
Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Human Services Manager
Kacey Moyers, Technology Coordinator
Phil Hershkowitz, Human Services Manager

Call to order

Chair Zubia called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as noted above.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. Regular Meeting: March 12, 2015

COMMISSIONER NICHOLAS THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 12, 2015 HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. VICE-CHAIR DUSTIN THOMAS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONERS DAY, NORDLUND, AND TISHLER WERE NOT YET PRESENT.

2. **Discussion of CDBG/HOME Applications - Funding Discussion**

Justin Boyd, Housing Coordinator, facilitated a discussion about the agency proposals and funding recommendations from the March 12, 2015 meeting for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) for fiscal year 2015/2016. He reviewed the scoring process, reminding Commissioners to allocate funding consistent with the agency scores established as an average of all Commissioner and staff scores.

Mark Dobay from A New Leaf spoke about the detrimental effects the changes to the funding process had on the organization's ability to qualify for funding. He requested that the Commission reconsider A New Leaf's application for funding.

Phil Pengrazio from ABIL thanked the Commission for their funding recommendation, even though the recommendation is for less than requested. He briefly discussed the needs of the program and asked that if additional funding becomes available ABIL be considered for an increase in funding.

Vice-Chair Dustin Thomas commented that the Commission will consider feedback about the process submitted by agencies when preparing for next year's funding season. Commissioner Nicholas Thomas suggested that agencies contact their Congressman regarding dwindling funding.

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO APPROVE FORWARDING THE CDBG/HOME RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON MARCH 12, 2015 TO CITY COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER NICHOLAS THOMAS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

Ms. Albanese noted that City Council will consider the recommendations on April 28th.

The Commission made specific allocation recommendations for each agency as follows:

- CDBG - Public Services:
 - Florence Crittenton Services of Arizona \$19,000
 - Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence \$25,650
 - Scottsdale Training & Rehabilitation Services (STARS) \$38,000
 - Family Promise - Greater Phoenix \$21,250
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona (BBBSAZ) \$10,200
 - Homeward Bound \$13,043

- Save the Family Foundation of Arizona \$20,874
- CDBG - Housing and Facilities (Non-Public Services):
 - Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL) \$12,785
 - Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc. (CASS) \$90,300
 - City of Scottsdale, Community Assistance Office (Housing Rehab) \$250,000
 - City of Scottsdale, Community Assistance Office (Roof Replacement) \$150,000
 - City of Scottsdale, Community Assistance Office (Emergency Repair) \$130,000
- HOME
 - Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona \$100,000

3. Scottsdale Cares/General Funds Application - Funding Discussion

Justin Boyd, Housing Coordinator, facilitated a discussion about preliminary recommendations for the Scottsdale Cares, General Funds, and Endowment agency proposals. City Council is tentatively scheduled to consider the recommendations on June 16th.

Ainslee Colegrove from notMYkid thanked the Commission for their consideration and time during the funding process.

Alyssa Chatinsky from Courtney's Place thanked the Commission for funding last fiscal year even though they were not recommended for funding this year. She discussed the benefits of the program and asked that if additional funding came available Courtney's Place be considered.

Ted Taylor from Family Promise thanked the Commission for their funding recommendation and spoke about the progress that has been made in the past year thanks to the funding granted during the FY 2014/15 funding process.

COMMISSIONER NICHOLAS THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE FORWARDING THE SCOTTSDALE CARES/GENERAL FUNDS AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON MARCH 12, 2015 TO CITY COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER SEIDEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

The Commission made specific allocation recommendations for each agency as follows:

- Scottsdale Cares:
 - Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale \$20,900
 - Scottsdale Training & Rehabilitation Services (STARS) \$19,000
 - Family Promise - Greater Phoenix \$26,125
 - Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter \$17,000
 - Save the Family Foundation of Arizona \$8,500
 - Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (AFFCF) \$8,500
 - Homeward Bound \$6,240
 - Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI) \$12,299
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona (BBBSAZ) \$5,000
 - Aid to Adoption of Special Kids \$8,400
 - Teen Lifeline, Inc. \$8,036

- **General Funds:**
 - Duet: Partners in Health & Aging \$21,000
 - Family Promise - Greater Phoenix \$30,000
 - Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence, Inc. \$9,000
 - Sojourner Center \$30,000
 - Jewish Family & Children's Services (JFCS) \$25,000
 - Community Legal Services, Inc. \$18,000
 - Catholic Charities Community Services, Inc. \$30,000
 - Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development \$30,000

- **Endowment:**
 - Community Services, Human Services Division, Paiute Neighborhood Center \$6,200

4. Endowment Funds Application - Funding Discussion

Recommendation made as part of item 3.

5. Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Grant - Discussion

VICE-CHAIR DUSTIN THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE FORWARDING THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON MARCH 12, 2015 TO CITY COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER SEIDEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

6. Staff and Commission Updates

Jan Cameron, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Human Services said that staff is reviewing the funding that was successfully secured through Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to try to fill the gap in areas of senior congregate meals, senior home delivered meals, and regional homeless shelters.

Volunteers over the age of 18 and able to use their own vehicle are needed to assist with the home delivered meals program provided by Tempe Community Action Agency. Those who are interested can email KathyF@Tempeaction.org.

The Section 8 voucher program currently has 60 applicants on the waitlist and the Community Assistance Office plans on opening the wait list within the next three to six months. Public notice will be provided 30 days prior to opening and an announcement will be made to the Commission.

Vista del Camino just completed the first monthly series of financial education workshops. The next series will be in April and June. Topics will include taking control - financial planning for a starter kit, banking basics, making money sense, and budgeting a workshop. Those interested in attending can enroll at the front desk, online, or call (480) 312-2323.

The Community Assistance Office Emergency Repair and Roof Repair programs have had a total of 52 emergency repair projects and 17 roof repair projects this fiscal year

thus far for with a total expenditure of \$258,533, which is a 23 percent increase from the FY 2013/14 program.

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program Success Club is hosting its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Paiute Neighborhood Center. Money Management International will present information on managing student loan debt and the Arizona Federal Credit Union will offer five-minute financial checkups.

Vista del Camino social workers participated together with Maricopa Association of Governments in the Point-In-Time Homeless Street Count. Workers interacted with homeless individuals using a 21-question survey and conducted visual observations. Homeless individuals were connected with available resources and provided water and snacks from the Vista del Camino food bank. Final countywide figures will be announced in May.

The 15th Annual Entertainment Extravaganza will be held at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, April 15th at 1:00 p.m.

Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 12th through 18th. Vista del Camino will host a luncheon on April 10th, Granite Reef Senior Center will host an event on April 8th, and Paiute and Via Linda Senior Center will host an event on April 14th.

The Paiute children and their families have been invited to attend the Second Annual Mercedes-Benz Scottsdale Rugby Bowl on April 18th from 11:00 to 6:00 at the Scottsdale Stadium. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Senior Services and the Scottsdale Transportation Department have collaborated for free trolley trips to a new destination each month departing from Granite Reef Senior Center. The program is intended to promote public transportation for seniors.

The annual Arbor Day event hosted by the City of Scottsdale and the Daughters of the American Revolution will be on April 17th at Granite Reef Senior Center. Scottsdale will be acknowledged as a Tree City for the 33rd consecutive year.

The Age Less, Age Well program will host Brain Gym - Grow Your Mind at Via Linda Senior Center on April 21st and Feeling Better through Qigong on May 19th. Registration will be accepted until the time of the program.

The 2015 Partners for Paiute Annual Fund Raising Breakfast is scheduled for April 23rd at Chaparral Suites. Registration and a raffle begin at 7:30 p.m. with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. RSVPs can be directed to Lisa Randall at (480) 980-2516 or by emailing partnersforpaiute@hotmail.com

Ms. Cameron announced that the Beat-the-Heat program is now accepting donations.

A joint meeting between the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Human Services Commission to review the Community Services Master Plan draft report is scheduled for April 29th at 5:00 p.m. at the Via Linda Senior Center.

7. Open call to the Public

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

8. Adjournment

Being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.