



City of Scottsdale
Human Services Commission
Regular Meeting

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

Thursday, March 24, 2016

Vista Del Camino
7700 E. Roosevelt St.
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

- PRESENT:** Marty Day, Vice Chair
Denny Brown, Commissioner
Donald Nordlund, Commissioner
Josina Tishler, Commissioner
Janice Eng, Commissioner
Enid Seiden, Commissioner
- ABSENT:** Dustin Thomas, Chair
- STAFF PRESENT:** Greg Bestgen, Human Services Director
Michelle Albanese, Community Assistance Manager
Justin Boyd, Housing Coordinator
Diane Ethington, Grants Accountant
Neal Hallihan, Human Services Manager
Sharon Light-Stephenson, Housing Coordinator
Joanne Meierdirks, Human Services Coordinator
Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Human Services Manager
Michele Payakovich, Senior Grants Program Specialist

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Day called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call

1. Approval of the Minutes

a. Meeting Minutes: March 10, 2016

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 10, 2016 HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR THOMAS WAS ABSENT.

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 2015/16 funding process.

Vice-Chair Day thanked the Commissioners for participating in the process. She noted that the Commission and staff are working to increase awareness in hopes of increasing funding availability in future years.

2. Discussion of CDBG/HOME Applications - Funding Discussion

Justin Boyd, Housing Coordinator, facilitated a discussion about the proposals and funding recommendations from the March 10, 2015 meeting for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) for fiscal year 2016/17. He reviewed the scoring process and reminded Commissioners to allocate funding consistent with the agency scores established as an average of all commissioner and staff scores. City Council is expected to vote on funding for CDBG and HOME on April 19th, 2016.

Discussion ensued and the Commission made specific allocation recommendations for each agency as follows:

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO APPROVE FORWARDING THE CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON MARCH 10, 2016 TO CITY COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR THOMAS WAS ABSENT.

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO APPROVE FORWARDING THE CDBG NON-PUBLIC SERVICES RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON MARCH 10, 2016 TO CITY COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER NORDLUND SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR THOMAS WAS ABSENT.

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO APPROVE FORWARDING THE HOME RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON MARCH 10, 2016 TO CITY COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR THOMAS WAS ABSENT.

- CDBG - Public Services
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Arizona (BBBSAZ) \$11,018
 - Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc (CASS) \$104,141
 - Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. \$22,960
 - Family Promise - Greater Phoenix \$21,750
 - Florence Crittenton \$21,750
 - Future for KIDS \$5,000
 - Homeward Bound \$11,856

- Save the Family Foundation of Arizona \$18,700
- Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services (STARS) \$36,800
- Sun Sounds of Arizona \$5,158

- CDBG - Non-Public Services
 - City of Scottsdale, Community Assistance Office (Housing Rehab) \$237,600
 - City of Scottsdale, Community Assistance Office (Roof Replacement) \$86,400
 - City of Scottsdale, Community Assistance Office (Emergency Repair) \$97,200
 - City of Scottsdale, Community Assistance Office ((Paiute Fence) \$203,040
 - Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc. (CASS) \$104,141

- HOME
 - Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona \$200,654

3. Scottsdale Cares/General Funds Application - Funding

Justin Boyd, Housing Coordinator, facilitated a discussion about preliminary recommendations for the Scottsdale Cares and General Funds agency proposals. City Council is expected to consider the recommendations for Scottsdale Cares and General Funds on June 21, 2016.

Commissioners commented on the lack of funding and explained that their goal was to allocate funds in a way that they can be most effectively used. Vice-Chair Day reiterated that efforts are being made to increase funding for future years.

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO APPROVE FORWARDING THE SCOTTSDALE CARES RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON MARCH 10, 2016 TO CITY COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR THOMAS WAS ABSENT.

COMMISSIONER NORDLUND MOVED TO APPROVE FORWARDING THE GENERAL FUNDS RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON MARCH 10, 2016 TO CITY COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER SEIDEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR THOMAS WAS ABSENT.

- Scottsdale Cares
 - Aid to Adoption of Special Kids \$9,000
 - Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter \$15,000
 - Arizona Helping Hands, Inc. \$6,750
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona (BBBSAZ) \$5,000
 - Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale \$15,000
 - Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI) \$15,000
 - Family Promise - Greater Phoenix \$14,250
 - Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services (STARS) \$15,000
 - Shoebox Ministry \$5,000

- General Funds
 - Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter \$10,000
 - Catholic Charities Community Services, Inc. \$30,000
 - Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. \$9,000

- Community Legal Services, Inc. \$18,000
- Duet: Partners in Health & Aging \$21,000
- Family Promise - Greater Phoenix \$30,000
- Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS) \$25,000
- Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development \$21,000
- UMOM New Day Centers, Inc. \$25,000
- Valley of the Sun YMCA-Desert foothills Family YMCA & Scottsdale/Paradise Valley YMCA \$11,000

4. Endowment Funds Application - Funding Discussion

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO APPROVE FORWARDING THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS RECOMMENDATION MADE ON MARCH 10, 2016 TO CITY COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER ENG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR THOMAS WAS ABSENT.

- Endowment
 - Valley of the Sun YMCA-Desert foothills Family YMCA & Scottsdale/Paradise Valley YMCA

5. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) - Funding Discussion

Justin Boyd, Housing Coordinator, facilitated a discussion regarding the funding recommendations from the March 10, 2016 meeting. City Council is expected to consider the recommendations for SRPMIC funding on June 21, 2016.

Commissioners expressed gratitude for the SRPMIC funding.

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO APPROVE FORWARDING THE SRPMIC FUNDING RECOMMENDATION MADE ON MARCH 10, 2016 TO CITY COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER TISHLER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR THOMAS WAS ABSENT.

- SRPMIC
 - A New Leaf, Inc. \$40,000
 - Central Arizona Shelter Services, Inc (CASS) \$53,000
 - Concerned Citizens for Community Health \$15,000
 - Foothills Caring Corps, Inc. \$13,665
 - Tempe Community Action Agency \$79,568
 - Tempe Community Action Agency \$58,319

6. Approval of the Housing Choice Voucher Program Annual Agenda Plan (FY 2016/17)

Sharon Light-Stephenson, Housing Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Housing Choice Voucher Program Annual Agency Plan for FY 2016/17. She outlined the Section 8 program, noting that the City of Scottsdale receives \$5.2 million in housing assistance payments from the Federal Government to assist low income residents with rent and utilities and an additional \$430,000 for administrative costs. She reviewed eligibility

requirements, the new online application and notification process, the wait list process, and payment standards.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Light-Stevenson explained that the majority of Section-8 recipients are elderly or disabled and will stay on the program for life. There are some participants that graduate to the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Unlike some cities that require new developments to allocate a certain number of units, Section 8 apartments are available on a voluntary basis in Scottsdale. Once opened, it takes a couple of years to go through the wait list.

COMMISSIONER ENG MOVED TO APPROVE THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM ANNUAL AGENCY PLAN FOR FY 2016/17. COMMISSIONER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR THOMAS WAS ABSENT.

7. Staff and Commission Updates

Eugenio Munoz-Villafane, Human Services Manager, noted that on May 14th Vista del Camino will be participating in the Stamp Out Hunger U.S. Postal food drive. Citizens will receive a reminder postcard in their mail and are asked to leave food out for their postal carriers to pick up. Donations will be brought to the storage facility at Miller and McKellips. The Back to School program will be July 27th and has committed to serving 1,000 children this year. Concerned Citizens for Community Health and the SUSD are supporting the program and volunteers and donors are currently being sought. Mr. Munoz-Villafane encouraged everyone to get the word out to those who would qualify about the Rent and Utility Emergency Funding program funded through Maricopa County. The City is currently in the process of updating the intergovernmental agreements with Maricopa County for the Career Center and for Emergency Services.

Neal Hallihan, Human Services Manager, said that the community integration programs and after-school programs are ongoing. He noted that the adult community integration programs had 165 contacts in the month of March and the afterschool program served 60 youth. The Olympic track and field season is wrapping up and the sports program will break until the fall. Day programs will be offered during the summer. Negotiations are ongoing with SUSD to work with special education programs through the middle schools and high schools and to open a transition and vocational program for students in their last two years of school. The afterschool teen program is taking a field trip next week to Ability 360 and will participate in the Arizona Center for Disability Law's voter education day. Adapted Services currently has a video available on the City's website as part of the Scottsdale Stories video project.

Michelle Albanese, Community Assistance Manager, said that on March 19th Paiute Neighborhood Center in collaboration with the Scottsdale Fire Department hosted an event demonstrating safe use of car seats and donated 24 convertible car seats and nine booster seats to eligible families. The National Charity League held a Spring Carnival at Paiute Neighborhood Center on March 19th and had over 250 attendees. Ms. Albanese asked Commissioners to be prepared for the next meeting to discuss possible tour sites.

Joanne Meierdirks, Human Services Coordinator, said that Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council will be accepting applications through April 17th and is open to students who are

interested in having a voice in government and the Community. She noted that the 2015/16 president won the Flynn Scholarship Award. The Fatal Vision and Alcohol and Drug Awareness program is currently visiting high schools throughout Scottsdale. This year the program added a round-table discussion educational component to discuss topics such as alcohol poisoning. Ms. Meierdirks noted that the Restorative Justice Program for Juveniles has been seeing a trend in the use of USB vaporizers in schools.

Greg Bestgen, Human Services Director, announced that the next Age Friendly meeting will be held at Granite Reef Senior Center on April 4th at 9:00 a.m. The goal is to promote seniors living health, happy, safe lives while staying in place for as long as possible. Mr. Bestgen noted that just this week Human Services has received calls from three homeless seniors in need of services.

The next For Our City event is scheduled on April 23rd at the Farmers Market on 2nd Street and Brown from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The group will highlight Scottsdale Cares, local businesses, non-profits, government agency, and the faith community who are tackling service needs for the City.

8. Open call to the Public

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

9. Adjournment

Being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.