Call to Order

Chair Eng called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

1. Open call to the Public

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.
2. **Approval of Minutes**

VICE-CHAIR BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONERS HUBBARD, PORTNOY AND SNOPKO WERE ABSENT.

3. **Federal Funding**

Brad Lundhal, Government Relations Director, gave an overview of the trends in federal funding and legislative initiatives as they relate to the City of Scottsdale. His presentation included a review of his role and responsibilities as the Government Relations Director, which includes being the liaison between the City of Scottsdale and external entities such as the State Legislature; Congressional Delegation; county, local, tribal, and regional government entities; MAG; Valley Metro; and the League of Cities and Towns.

A major focus of his department is management of the City’s involvement with Tribal Gaming Grants. Proposition 202 (Indian Gaming Preservation and Self-Reliance Act) requires that 12 percent of annual gaming revenues be distributed to cities, towns, and counties for the benefit of the general public, including public safety, mitigation of impacts of gaming, and promotion of commerce and economic development. The City of Scottsdale directs many of those funds to human service needs.

Commission members asked about the process and whether non-profit entities were able to apply for funds out of the 12 percent as well as through SRPMIC available through the Human Services annual funding process. Mr. Lundhal said that the granting agencies and the City track grant applications and would be aware if a group applied through multiple sources.

Mr. Lundhal continued his presentation with a review of the key steps of the federal budget process. He noted that approximately one-third of the federal budget is discretionary. The appropriation areas that the City of Scottsdale is typically interested in are transportation, housing and urban development, and health and human services.

4. **CDBG Non-Public Service Set-Aside Requests for FY 2018/19**

Justin Boyd, Housing Coordinator, proposed goals and set-aside funding allocations for CDBG Non-Public Services for FY 2018/19.

Mr. Boyd first discussed the Housing Rehabilitation program proposals, which included the Green Housing Rehabilitation program, the Roof Repair and Replacement program, and the Emergency Repair and Replacement program. The Rehabilitation program utilized federal income eligibility guides to determine eligibility.

The Green Housing Rehabilitation program underwent changes since its inception in 2016 and the maximum program amount was changed from $35,000 to $50,000 so that the green rehabilitation standards could be incorporated into the program. After administering the program for over a year, staff has realized that the limit per applicant was not enough and went back to Council in May of 2017 to have the maximum amount increased to $65,000. The
program operates under a deferred loan, with 50 percent forgiven if the homeowner remains in the property for three years following project completion.

The Roof Repair and Replacement program provides assistance to qualified homeowners to replace or repair deteriorated roofing systems that pose a serious threat to the health, welfare, or conditions affecting the immediate livability of the home. Assistance is granted on a one-time basis to a maximum amount of $10,000.

The Emergency Repair program provides assistance to homeowners to provide emergency repairs to substandard housing conditions. The maximum amount granted per resident per year is $6,000.

The requested FY 2018/19 proposed set aside request for contracted services for the Green Housing Rehabilitation program is $150,000; for the Roof Repair and Replacement program is $80,000; and for the Emergency Repair and Replacement program is $110,000. For Personnel Services, the request is $100,000. The total proposed program expenditures for FY 2018/19 is $440,000. Approximately 70 unduplicated households will benefit from the program.

Commission members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Boyd explained that applications are received throughout the year and currently approximately 20 persons are on the wait list for the Green Housing program. A total of approximately 12 to 15 people can be assisted through the Roof Repair program. Approximately, 55 to 65 per year benefit from the Emergency Repair and Replacement program. He said that the repayment dollars that are received go back into the program, which enables him to request less funds than are actually needed.

Mr. Boyd presented the FY 2018/19 Set aside request for CDBG improvements at Osborn Park, which is located at 7775 East Osborn Road. The requested improvements include replacement of the par course pads and equipment and the installation of shade structures over the children's playground area. The requested FY 2018/19 proposed set aside request for contracted services is $120,000. Mr. Boyd noted that federal requirements mandate that if the project exceeds $2,000 the City must take steps to ensure that construction trades are paid the going rates. He anticipates that the project will be completed within one year of receiving funding.

COMMISSIONER DAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE GOALS AND SET-ASIDE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR CDBG NON-PUBLIC SERVICES FOR FY 2018/19 AS PRESENTED. VICE-CHAIR BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). COMMISSIONERS HUBBARD, PORTNOY AND SNOPKO WERE ABSENT.

5. Staff and Commission Updates

Neal Hallihan, Adaptive Services Manager, gave an update on Adapted Services activities. Adaptive Services operates with three full-time staff and 17 part-time staff and includes youth programs for children with intellectual disabilities, adult integration programs, adaptive sports programs, and center-based programs at the Adaptive Services Center. Mr. Hallihan highlighted the teen activities, including volunteer opportunities and field trips, and the SUSD
special education program. He noted that one of the human services specialists is available to meet with families twice a month at the Adaptive Center.

The Mighty Mighty Scottsdale Bobcat Nation Special Olympics team offers an opportunity to access organized activities and community inclusion. This weekend is the state swim meet; the state golf and bowling tournaments are scheduled for later dates. Adaptive Services recently participated in Scottsdale Show and Tell and the Children's Learning and Play Festival. Upcoming activities include working with the Scottsdale Library to start a reading circles program, inviting STARS to use the adaptive kitchen for a weekly baking class, and the Special Olympics state meet.

Commissioners commended the Adaptive Services Department staff.

Greg Bestgen, Director, reviewed upcoming events.

The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 28th at Eldorado Community Center. Commissioners are encouraged to attend the Family Self Sufficiency program graduation on Wednesday, October 18th. The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program two week registration ends tomorrow with approximately 3,000 applicants, most of whom registered online. A group of Human services staff will volunteer for projects on Operation Fix It Day, October 27th. Coordination of donors with applicants for the holiday programs at Vista del Camino and the senior centers is currently underway.

Vice-Chair Brown commended the staff at Vista del Camino for their hard work. He encouraged people to donate to Firefighters charities at the bins located in fire stations.

6. **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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