



Human Services Commission Minutes

Zoom Webinar – Pleasanton, CA December 1, 2021 - 7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairperson Rubino-Brumm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Mary Jane Bedegi, Joe Carlucci, Susan Hayes, Kelsey Lem, Meera Parikh, Patty Powers, and Chairperson Rubino-Brumm.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jay Ingram, Recreation Manager; and Edith Caponigro, Recording Secretary.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

MINUTES

- 1. Approve regular meeting minutes of November 3, 2021.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Powers, seconded by Commissioner Hayes, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2021. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- 2. Introductions / Awards / Recognitions
Presentation from City Serve of the Tri-Valley**

Mr. Ingram introduced Christine Beitsch-Bahmani and Margaretann Fortner from CityServe and advised they would be providing a report on the services and programs that the organization provides.

Ms. Beitsch-Bahmani reviewed with commissioners a PowerPoint presentation providing information on what the organization does, why they care, and why they exist. She noted that CityServe cares, coordinates, and connects to mobilize mercy in the Tri-Valley cities and provide the necessary services and programs that are much needed.

Commissioners were advised that CityServe has worked closely with six Pleasanton unsheltered individuals throughout the pandemic focusing on helping them with finding permanent housing at Goodness Village and providing these individuals with support during this transition. Additionally, assistance was provided to thirty other homeless individuals.

CityServe has connected with the City of Pleasanton, Asbury United Methodist Church and Cornerstone Fellowship to provide pop-up services for community members in both Livermore and Pleasanton. Other connection locations include the Pleasanton Senior Center and the CityServe Pleasanton office. Commissioners were informed that in early 2022 CityServe will be opening a new location at the Livermore Multi-Service Center.

Ms. Beitsch-Bahmani provided details about the Measure A funding that CityServe received and has been used for an Assessment Tool that provides screening and outreach services with 66 mental health assessments being completed and 585 mental health flyers distributed in Dublin and Livermore.

Commissioners were notified about the CityServe updated websites (www.cityservecares.org and www.cityserve.link) and provided details of a short "Season of Serving" video about mobilizing 300+ Tri-Valley church members, local residents, business colleagues and youth. Ms. Beitsch-Bahmani commented on the CARE values of CityServe being:

- Creative
- Accountable
- Reliable, and
- Endearing

And the 2022 Initiatives for the organization being:

- Compassion Month-/wrap SOS (February)
- Core Advocacy Training Modules (March)
- Summer Internship Program (May-September)
- Build out the volunteer network to expand the work we do!

Chairperson Rubino-Brumm thanked Ms. Beitsch-Bahmani for the presentation and questioned whether the 30 homeless individuals that CityServe reported on want to be sheltered or continue wanting to remain homeless. Ms. Beitsch-Bahmani asked Ms. Fortner to respond to this question. Ms. Fortner commented on the obstacles many of these individuals need to overcome, i.e., addiction or mental health issues as well as other catastrophic losses they may have or are facing.

Commissioner Carlucci discussed the seasonal volunteer program with Ms. Beitsch-Bahmani who advised the program is planned for November 2021 through February 2022, but CityServe will continue to add to this as more people volunteer, however, a Volunteer Coordinator is needed to run this. She discussed the duties of a coordinator and advised it would be for 12-15 hours per week.

Commissioner Bedegi asked about the Goodness Village program and how long it would be in place. Ms. Beitsch-Bahmani advised it is hoped this program will continue. Ms. Fortner provided information about the work she has been doing with the group at Goodness Village that is helping to build relationships and continue to provide support as needed working with the Case Manager. She noted that the individuals living at Goodness Village are thriving,

Commissioner Hayes felt Goodness Village was a great program and very flexible for collaborating with individuals in the program and helps them with creating the schedules and programs.

Ms. Beitsch-Bahmani asked that commissioners contact her or other CityServe staff members if they see any gaps in the services and programs the organization is providing. Commissioner Hayes stated she was pleased that CityServe is coordinating with other groups to provide care for Pleasanton residents and Chairperson Rubino-Brumm thanked CityServe for doing such a fantastic job.

3. Public comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda

None.

MATTERS FOR THE COMMISSION'S REVIEW/ACTION/INFORMATION

4. Selection of Commission Chair and Vice Chair for 2022

Mr. Ingram advised that annually the commission selects a Chair and Vice Chairperson to facilitate meetings and asked that commissioners consider nominating and electing individuals to fill these positions.

Chairperson Rubino-Brumm nominated Commissioner Carlucci to serve as the Human Services Chair for 2022. Commissioner Powers seconded the nomination. Commissioner Carlucci agreed with the nomination.

A motion was made by Chairperson Rubino-Brumm, seconded by Commissioner Powers, to elect Commissioner Carlucci to serve as the Human Services Commission Chair for 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Bedegi, Carlucci, Hayes, Lem, Parikh, Powers, and Chairperson Rubino-Brumm

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlucci, seconded by Commissioner Hayes to elect Commissioner Powers to serve as the Human Services Commission Vice Chairperson for 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Bedegi, Carlucci, Hayes, Lem, Parikh, Powers, and Chairperson Rubino-Brumm

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. Select Commission Representatives for Various Subcommittees

Mr. Ingram advised that prior to the pandemic the commission annually selected representatives for various subcommittees. Now as pandemic restrictions ease it is important for the commission to select representatives to reengage with these organizational meetings. The subcommittees include: 1) Pleasanton Rides Task Force, 2) Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance, and 3) CityServe of the Tri-Valley.

Commissioner Carlucci was provided information about the work and services of the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance by Commissioner Hayes. Commissioner Carlucci indicated he would have issues attending scheduled meetings of CityServe.

Commissioner Bedegi asked for information about the Pleasanton Rides Task Force and their meetings.

After considering each of the subcommittees the following representative designations were agreed to by commissioners:

- Pleasanton Rides Task Force - Chairperson Rubino-Brumm,
- Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance - Commissioners Hayes and Parikh
- CityServe of the Tri-Valley - Commissioners Carlucci and Powers.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

MATTERS INITIATED BY THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Hayes provided details about the upcoming Tri-Valley Non-Profit Alliance event on December 7th and encouraged members of the commission to attend.

Commissioner Bedegi asked about the strategic planning process for human services. Mr. Ingram provided information about an RFP that is being worked on for updating the Needs Assessment for the three cities that will be an updating for the next 10-years.

COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Ingram advised that the next Human Services Commission meeting will be February 2, 2022 at which commissioners will be briefed on the March 2022 process. He provided information about the mandatory meetings for applicants and the January 19, 2022 application deadline and noted that usually between 25 and 30 applications are received with those pertaining to housing being reviewed by the Housing Commission. Commissioners were advised that grant applications would be considered by the commission at their March 2, 2022 meeting and applications would be available for the commission to consider sometime after January 20, 2022.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 2, 2022