



Human Services Commission Minutes

**City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Ave, Pleasanton, CA
August 3, 2022 - 7 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Carlucci.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Melanie Hayes, Susan Hayes, Kirstin Litz, Patty Powers, Janeen Rubino-Brumm and Chairperson Joe Carlucci

Commissioners Absent: Mary Jane Bedegi, and Meera Parikh.

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

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of June 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rubino-Brumm, seconded by Commissioner Powers, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2022 meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions/Presentations

Tri-Valley Haven Presentation, Christine Dillman, Executive Director

Mr. Ingram introduced Christine Dillman advising she would review a presentation with the commission.

Ms. Dillman reviewed a Tri-Valley Haven PowerPoint presentation with members of the commission commenting on the agency's Mission Statement being the "creation of homes safe from abuse and contributing to a more peaceful society one person, one family, one community at a time. Together building a world without violence." She provided statistical information about domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness.

Commissioners were advised by Ms. Dillman that Tri-Valley Haven services include providing: a) a 24-hour Crisis Line, b) a Domestic Violence Shelter, c) Transitional Housing, d) a Restraining Order Clinic and Legal Referrals, e) Rape Crisis Center, f) Individual and Group Counseling Services, g) a Santa Rita Jail Program, Therapeutic Art, h) Community Education on Healthy Relationships, and Dating Violence Prevention provided for students.

Ms. Dillman noted that Tri-Valley Haven provides homeless shelter for two-parent families, men with children, and boys up to the age of eighteen, as well as housing assistance. Additional services include a "client choice: food pantry and a thrift store.

It was noted by Ms. Dillman that the current primary goal for Tri-Valley Haven is the rebuilding of the organizations Shiloh Shelter which is in desperate disrepair. She advised that the goal is to rebuild and increase the facility size of this successful shelter from thirty beds to forty-five beds. Ms. Dillman noted that one-half of residents at the shelter are typically children and it is important for Tri-Valley Haven to have a children's advocate to try to keep everything good for them.

Commissioners were informed by Ms. Dillman that Tri-Valley Haven owns the land on which Shiloh stands and is currently working with the Home Aid organization that has located a builder that is willing to do the necessary work for rebuilding Shiloh. She advised that Tri-Valley Haven will be approaching the tri-valley cities requesting funds to help with the cost of rebuilding the Shiloh Shelter.

Ms. Dillman provided information about upcoming Tri-Valley Haven fundraising events that includes "Pace for Peace 5k" a walk for fun and a "Shiloh Shelter Rebuild Banquet" scheduled for October 22, 2022 that will cost \$60 and includes dinner. She also provided details about the recent Backpack Bag event operated by Tri-Valley Haven at which over four hundred school bags and supplies were provided to Pleasanton students.

Commissioner Rubino-Brumm asked Ms. Dillman for more details about the program offered for Pleasanton students about Healthy Relationships and Dating Violence and how it was funded. Ms. Dillman provided information noting that Tri-Valley Haven receives 30% funding for the program from the state and it is a program that received funding from the Pleasanton Youth Commission.

Commissioner Powers was advised by Ms. Dillman that food for the Food Pantry is received from the Alameda County Food Bank and local grocery stores.

Chairperson Carlucci questioned whether the Shiloh Shelter renovation was an added item for Tri-Valley Haven. Ms. Dillman advised that this is a Capital Program for Tri-Valley Haven with a Capital Campaign taking place since rebuilding will be in the range of \$5M. She noted that because of disrepair issues the Haven has had to shut down one of their Shiloh buildings and have now rented a home to be able to continue providing services, they anticipate that a second home will also need to be rented once rebuilding takes place and the other building needs to be demolished.

Commissioner Powers asked about the Shiloh location and the services provided there. Ms. Dillman advised that for safety purposes of residents the location of the site and the rented home is not made public.

Chairperson Carlucci discussed with Ms. Dillman how Tri-Valley Haven is contacted to provided assistance with the Santa Rita Jail program. She advised that the Haven is contacted by the police or other entities such as agencies and hospitals who advise that help is needed.

Commissioner Powers asked about volunteers working at Tri-Valley Haven and whether they are required to receive training or certification. Ms. Dillman advised that it depends on the services they provide and could require a total of 70-hours of training to become certified. She noted that Tri-Valley Haven has a lot of volunteers, and a program is place for staff to do back-up shifts if volunteers are unable to participate.

Ms. Dillman thanked Mr. Ingram and the Human Services Commission for the opportunity to present and provide information about Tri-Valley Haven and especially for all their past support.

3. Public Comment from the audience

None

MATTERS FOR THE COMMISSION'S REVIEW/ACTION/INFORMATION

4. None.

MATTERS INITIATED BY THE COMMISSION

None.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Rubino-Brumm provided information about the Pleasanton Rides Task Force meeting she had attended. Mr. Ingram advised that Black Tie is now providing transportation service four days a week and will likely go back to five days a week soon. Commissioner Powers provided information about the great assistance provided by Black Tie to her mother-in-law.

STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioners were informed by Mr. Ingram that representatives from the three Tri-Valley cities have been meeting with the consultant (JSI) to begin work on the new Needs Assessment that will likely be a 15-month process. He noted that the goal is to come away with a document that nonprofits will find helpful and also be supported by Alameda County. Mr. Ingram advised that the process for the Needs Assessment will likely include joint meetings of the three commissions.

Commissioner Susan Hayes advised that she had been involved at the end of the previous Needs Assessment process and felt the commission will find it extremely helpful.

Chairperson Carlucci stressed the need for an Implementation Plan for the cities both for services and infrastructures.

Chairperson Carlucci asked Mr. Ingram about the status for getting a youth representative on the Human Services commission. Mr. Ingram indicated that a youth commissioner will be appointed during the fall recruitment process.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

Mr. Ingram reminded everyone that the September meeting would be the last meeting for Commissioner Susan Hayes and that it would be a long meeting because CAPER presentations would be received from agencies that received funding.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: September 7, 2022
