

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2021**  
**Teleconference Only via**  
[www.san-clemente.org/live](http://www.san-clemente.org/live)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the City of San Clemente Human Affairs Committee was called to order on February 9, 2021 at 3:35 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was available to the public via live stream from the City's YouTube Channel.

**Committee**

**Members Present:** Chair Paula Kohl, Vice Chair James Hamilton, Tyler Boden, Toby Huddle, William Ewing, Burton Wagner

**Absent:** Brenda Wells

**Staff Present:** \*Erik Sund, Interim City Manager  
\*Cecilia Gallardo-Daly, Community Development Director  
\*Janet Batchelor, Management Analyst  
\*Lisa Acosta, Office Specialist I

\*Participated in the meeting via teleconference

**2. MINUTES**

**A. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Human Affairs Committee of December 8, 2020**

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TYLER BODEN, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR JAMES HAMILTON, AND CARRIED 5-0 with Burton Wagner abstaining and Brenda Wells absent, to approve the minutes from the Human Affairs Committee of December 8, 2020 as submitted.

**3. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

None.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES**

- A.** Community Social Service Grants – FY 2021-2022. The Social Service Budget Committee is scheduled to meet February 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., to review grant

applications and make grant award recommendations. The recommendations will be submitted to the City Council for approval.

Erik Sund, Interim City Manager, discussed the Social Service Budget Committee, their role in reviewing grant applications, forwarding recommendations to City Council, and last year's Social Service Grants. He stated it is unknown at this time what the next budget cycle will look like, and does not want to provide false expectations that funds will be available for the grant awards.

**B.** Committee members provided updates on the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the following non-profit organizations:

- Age Well Senior Services, Inc. – Paula Kohl
- Assistance League of Capistrano Valley – Paula Kohl
- Boys & Girls Club of the South Coast Area – Tyler Boden
- Christ Lutheran (Laundry Love) – Paula Kohl
- Community Outreach Alliance (COA) – Brenda Wells
- Family Assistance Ministries (FAM) – Toby Huddle
- I5 Freedom Network – Tyler Boden
- Parent 2 Parent Strategies (BILY) – James Hamilton
- Pregnancy Resource Center – Bill Ewing
- S.C.H.S. Grad Night – Toby Huddle
- San Clemente Village – Paula Kohl
- Wellness and Prevention Center – Toby Huddle

**C.** Resource Guide – This item was continued to April 13, 2021.

**D.** San Clemente High School student award and Committee follow up with students – Continued to April 13, 2021.

**E.** Committee member Boden provided updates on the Joint Homeless Subcommittee.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Education Topic: Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Needs and Issues.

Susan Parmelee, Wellness and Prevention Center, thanked and appreciated the Human Affairs Committee and the City of San Clemente for advocating and supporting these non-profits that provide so much for the community.

Blair Veraza, Connect OC Coalition, works with young adults, ages 18 to 25, outlined the impacts COVID has had in this age bracket including virtual burnout and not being supported by adults in an encouraging manner

considering the circumstances. They're seeking creative ways to open and share with adults who are empathetic and can provide points of connection.

Erika Fairweather, San Clemente High School Counselor, stated the largest issues she has observed at the high school level are technology and connectivity issues, student motivation, work completion, and an increased drop in grades to below the seventy percentile. 51-52% of students are now 100% online learning. Tutoring is available at the high school after school for those students in need.

Deputy Lindsey Rodgers, School Resource Officer, works with ten schools in San Clemente. She is currently doing 2-3 student welfare checks daily, and most of the time, the students are alone, not supervised, with no assistance, leaving the student feeling down and apathetic. There has also been an increase in alcohol usage amongst juveniles.

Joyce Toledo, Bernice Ayers Middle School Counselor, stated one of the biggest issues she is experiencing is the lack of structure, organization skills, and time management. There is an intervention program called SWELL that is available Monday-Friday via virtual or on-site.

Teri Steel, C.O.A., stated kids involved with C.O.A. are missing in-person interactions with their peers and activities that stopped due to COVID. The kids have stated there are parties all over town on green belts and house parties. Representatives of C.O.A. have also seen an increase in alcohol usage amongst teens.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- A. Education Topic for April to be determined.
- B. City staff announced City offices will be closed Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of President's Day.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR HAMILTON, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BODEN, AND CARRIED 6-0 TO ADJOURN AT 4:49 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Human Affairs Committee scheduled to be held on April 13, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. via teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Human Affairs Committee of February 9, 2021

Paula Kohl, Chair

Attest:

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Janet Batchelor, Management Analyst

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