

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
April 12, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Committee Member Rosemary Salas called the Regular Meeting of the City of San Clemente Human Affairs Committee to order on April 12, 2022 at 3:34 p.m. The meeting was held in the Fireside Room of the Community Center.

Committee

Members Present: Nina Dreyer, Shari Grace, William Kreutinger, Rosemary Salas, Michelle Brooks (arrived 3:37pm), Vice Chair Thomas Olds (arrived 3:40pm),

Chair Lisa Edone participated via teleconference.

Absent: None

Staff Present: Janet Batchelor, Management Analyst  
Rebekah Brewster, Administrative Assistant

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes from the March 1, 2022 Special Meeting of the Human Affairs Committee.

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KREUTINGER, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GRACE AND CARRIED 5-0-2, (Michelle Brooks and Thomas Olds absent) to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2022, Special Meeting of the Human Affairs Committee as submitted.

**3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Susan Parmelee, Wellness and Prevention Center

Susan Parmelee gave a presentation on how the Wellness and Prevention Center works with local school districts to provide mental health and suicide prevention services. She talked about how suicide is one of the biggest public health issues and the best way to prevent it is by talking about it with teens and others at risk.

They train both professionals and nonprofessionals to respond to mental health crisis. They currently provide services at San Clemente High School, San Juan Capistrano High School, and Aliso Niguel High to assist teens struggling with depression and mental health issues.

Aimee Dunkle, Solace Foundation of Orange County

Aimee Dunkle gave a presentation on the use of Narcan nasal spray in reversing drug overdoses. After her son died of an overdose, she created the Solace Foundation to provide people with the tools to save lives. They are funded by a government grant to provide Narcan and training to people willing to give first aid. Since their creation in 2015, their work has resulted in 70 overdose reversals.

She talked about CDC statistics showing an average of 320 overdoses each year from 1999-2019. Then when Covid happened in 2020, the Orange County Coroner reported 636 overdoses in one year. She described how easily drugs are available to teens and preteens with deadly consequences because part of the supply is laced with Fentanyl. She works with local school districts to train teachers and administrators on how to recognize overdose symptoms and administer Narcan as a nasal spray.

#### **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES**

##### **Work Plan Implementation Updates:**

- Homeless Townhall & Community Resource Fair

Committee Member Kreutinger reported that due to the lateness in approving the work plan, they do not have enough time to start from scratch on this project. They will work from the list of attendees from a previous event. Committee Member Dreyer volunteered to help. The Committee decided that since work groups have a limit of three people, Committee Member Dreyer will replace Committee Member Grace.

- Updating Resources Directory:

Committee Member Kreutinger reported he has received a resource list from 211 Orange County. Committee Member Kreutinger felt that because this nonprofit had one of the most extensive resource lists, this would be the most efficient way to accomplish the project.

Committee Member Dreyer volunteered to join the group. Because there were only two members on this work group, she will take the open position.

- Overall Homelessness Strategy:

Committee Member Dreyer volunteered to help and Committee Member Salas volunteered to give up her spot. Committee Member Kreutinger suggested that they plan a work group meeting to work on the project.

- Mentorship Program for Young Adults & Grades 6-12 “A Day in the Life”:

Committee Member Salas reported that she is making a list of potential businesses to approach. She suggested that they go talk to businesses to find out if they would be interested.

- “Every 15 Minutes” DUI Prevention Program:

Committee Member Salas reported talking to San Clemente High School’s Activities Director, Matt Reid. He has agreed to move forward with the program and is suggesting scheduling it to occur during a school dance event, preferably for Homecoming in the fall.

- SCHS Humanitarian Award:

Committee Member Grace reported coordinating with Patti Romo from San Clemente High School. Patti will receive teacher nominations and provide the students with the application to be completed and returned by April 22, 2022. The workgroup will review the applications, conduct interviews, and select the award recipient. The selected student will be honored at the May 17<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **6. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

None.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF**

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KREUTINGER, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BROOKS AND CARRIED 7-0, to recommend to City Council to invite the Solace Foundation to present at a Council meeting.

Committee Member Dreyer reported that she will be available to attend future HAC meetings because her new job schedule is accommodating.

Committee Member Brooks reported communicating with Beaches, Parks, and Recreation staff regarding what options were available for the idea to put a phone number on a downtown park bench that people could call if they felt suicidal. Brooks reported that park benches are only donated through private funding, usually in honor of a loved one. Staff had suggested that this idea might be better achieved through a plaque instead of a park bench. The plaque could be put in a high traffic public place such as a beach lookout area.

Vice Chair Olds reported that he has been researching private funding options for the park bench idea and would look into options for what type of suicide prevention phone numbers were available.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SALAS, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KREUTINGER, AND CARRIED 7-0. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:40 P.M.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 14, 2022 AT 3:30 P.M. LOCATED AT THE AQUATICS CENTER, FRIENDS ROOM, 987 VISTA HERMOSA AVENUE, SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Edone, Chair

Attest:

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Janet Batchelor, Management Analyst