

**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MAY 14, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Edone called the Regular Meeting of the City of San Clemente Human Affairs Committee to order on May 14, 2024, at 3:38 p.m. The meeting was held at San Clemente City Hall, First Floor Community Room located at 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, California.

Committee

Members Present: Chair Lisa Edone, Vice Chair Rosemary Salas, and Members Stuart Anderson, Cord Bauer, and Tyler Boden

Committee

Members Absent: Dick Veale

Guests: None

Staff Present: Adam Atamian, Community Development Director
Tamara Tatich, Office Specialist

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

The Pledge was led by Member Anderson.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Receive and file Minutes from the March 12, 2024 Adjourned Meeting of the Human Affairs Committee.

MOTION BY MEMBER ANDERSON, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR SALAS AND CARRIED 5-1, MEMBER VEALE ABSENT, to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2024 Meeting of the Human Affairs Committee, as submitted.

4. SPECIAL OR PUBLIC PRESENTATION

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND UPDATES

Chair Edone explained the process of the Committee working with the City Council liaisons.

A. Human Affairs Committee Work Plan FY 2023-24 Updates**Project: - Community Resource Fair**

Work group: Chair Edone, Member Anderson.

Chair Edone updated the Committee on the details of the Community Resource Fair on May 23, 2024, and announced that 25 providers were registered to participate.

Project: – Update Resource Registry on City website

Work group: Chair Edone, Member Anderson.

Chair Edone stated the information would be updated following the Fair.

Project: - Mentorship Program

Work group: Member Boden, Vice Chair Salas, Member Bauer.

Chair Edone stated she and Vice Chair Salas would be approaching local businesses to see if they would allow students to participate in a “day in the life” at those businesses.

Vice Chair Salas discussed the need for background checks for those working with youth.

Member Boden suggested collaborating with the Chamber of Commerce and Boys and Girls Club. He discussed the issue with workforce development occurring when organizations work independently.

Chair Edone requested an update for the Council liaisons. Member Boden confirmed that he would prepare a summary of long-range goals and potential impact and suggested grant funding for a mentorship program.

Project: - Every 15 Minutes DUI Simulation

Work group: Vice Chair Salas, Chair Edone, and Member Anderson.

Chair Edone suggested a middle school program related to e-bikes.

Project: - SCHS Humanitarian Award

Work group: Vice Chair Salas, Member Boden.

Chair Edone discussed the interviews and proposed awards and recognitions.

Project: - Reach out to Residents - AI Questionnaire for the Community

Work group: Member Bauer, Member Anderson.

Member Bauer stated the instructions had been written.

Member Anderson explained why there were 20 proposed questions.

Member Bauer reviewed the proposed topics and sample questions with the members.

Chair Edone stated the Council liaisons requested matters already being addressed, such as sand, not be included in the questionnaire.

Community Development Director Atamian suggested obtaining feedback from the Council liaisons on dissemination of questions.

Chair Edone discussed a public inquiry regarding the process.

Project: - Dorothy Visser Senior Center Improvements

Work Group: Member Veale.

Chair Edone stated the project was completed.

Project: - Community Development Block Grants

Work group: Vice Chair Salas, Member Anderson.

Community Development Director Atamian announced that the City was receiving \$317,000 in the next fiscal year for Block Grants (CDBG).

Project: - Character Counts Program

Work group: Member Boden, Member Anderson.

Member Boden stated he met with Character Counts Director Jason Lamping and Truman Benedict Elementary School Principal Mike Brant, and indicated a potential San Clemente Schools training if funds can be fund to support the program. He stated he would try to raise funds through the Rotary Club.

Chair Edone indicated the Council liaisons requested quantification of the goals and overall summary.

Member Boden stated there was desire and feasibility for the program, and the next steps were implementation. He indicated his goal to reinstate Character Counts in the elementary schools, which could be developed into the middle and high schools.

Project - Overall Homelessness Strategy/Solutions for Change

Work group: Member Anderson, Member Bauer, Member Veale.

Member Bauer provided a spreadsheet on data gathered from local cities' websites and discussed the email sent to each police department.

Member Anderson discussed the need for more shelter beds.

Chair Edone stated the Council liaisons requested tangible output for solutions to address homelessness; if the Committee had obtained best practices from other cities to address long term homelessness; and if there were any recommendations in line with what the City is already doing. Member Bauer discussed efforts to obtain information without impeding the ongoing City efforts.

Member Anderson discussed his unsuccessful efforts to gather information on other cities' shelter programs and the impact on point in time counts.

Vice Chair Salas discussed concerns in the City of Newport Beach.

Member Bauer discussed homeless programs and numbers in Laguna Beach.

Member Anderson explained the available shelter beds in the City of San Clemente.

Chair Edone discussed requirements of the various beds in the City. She explained the services of the Community Outreach Workers.

Member Bauer discussed the success of City staff on providing homeless services.

Chair Edone discussed the importance for full support for wrap around services.

Community Development Director Atamian discussed the tri-city efforts of Laguna Hills, Rancho Santa Margarita, and Mission Viejo for outreach workers. He suggested summarizing the findings of the Committee for City Council review. He stated the point in time count information was available and he expressed concern with the results. He referenced the Dana Point document on addressing homelessness.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None.

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

Chair Edone urged attendance at the Resource Fair on May 23, 2024.

Member Boden announced the South Orange County Rotary Clubs Mental Health Awareness Walk on May 18, 2024, at the Outlets.

Community Development Director Atamian provided information on the CDBG grant fund allocations. He announced the Budget Open House from 4-6:30 p.m., on May 23, 2024.

Community Development Director Atamian discussed the Council's request for additional detail and a shorter, focused program. He discussed timing for the Annual Work Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR EDONE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:02 P.M. TO THE REGULAR HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 11, 2024, AT 3:30 P.M. AT SAN CLEMENTE CITY HALL, FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY ROOM, LOCATED AT 910 CALLE NEGOCIO, SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Edone, Chair

Attest: _____
Adam Atamian, Community Development Director