



CITY OF MILPITAS

Community Advisory Commission

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

7:00pm

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Virtual Meeting/Teleconference

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Oscar Leon called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Gilroy Casanova III led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Chair Oscar Leon, Commissioners Vishal Gandhi, Van Lan Truong, Thelma Batilo, Jose Rosario, Aileen Zhong, Gilroy Casanova III

Commissioners Absent: Ashish Kathapurkar, Kavita Sreedhar

Councilmember Evelyn Chua present

Staff Present: Building Safety and Housing Director Sharon Goei, Housing Authority Administrator Robert Musallam, Housing Planner Sara Court

4. **Seating of Alternates**

Commissioner Gilroy Casanova III was seated.

5. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve April 7, 2021 agenda

Motion/Second: Van Lan Truong / Jose Rosario

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

6. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve March 3, 2021 minutes

Motion/Second: Vishal Gandhi / Van Lan Truong

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

7. **Public Forum**

A member of the public expressed concerns about students being left behind as schools re-open. She states that the process and noticing to students and families has been ambiguous and unclear.

At the request of the Community Advisory Commission, this item will be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

8. **Announcements**

None.

9. Business Items

a. CDBG Community Needs Survey

Staff presented the results of CDBG Community Needs Survey, including the top priorities among the 87 survey responses. Staff provided a general overview of CDBG guidelines and requirements for Sub-grantees.

b. Simplified Application Submissions

Staff presented an overview of the FY21-22 CDBG applications received. The City of Milpitas received 27 applications for FY 21-22.

Public Comment:

A member of the public requested clarity as to the body that is responsible for allocating the available funding for FY 21-22. Staff clarified that the City Council is responsible for the final allocation and the CAC serves as an advisory body to the City Council.

c. Applicant Comment

Prospective FY21-22 CDBG applicants gave comments to the Commission to provide information about their organization, their proposed project, and how it will benefit the residents of Milpitas. There was a total of 24 comments from prospective CDBG applicants.

d. Commissioners Priorities Feedback

Commissioners provided feedback on what priorities/areas they believe the City Council should focus on funding. Public services, housing needs, and COVID-19 response were among the top priorities of the Commissioners.

10. City Liaison Reports

None.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM to the special meeting on April 19, 2021.