



CITY OF MILPITAS

Community Advisory Commission

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

7:00pm

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Virtual Meeting/Teleconference

1. **Call to Order** –Vice Chair Vishal Gandhi called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Jose Rosario led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Gandhi, Commissioners Jinky Peralta, Van Lan Truong, Aileen Zhong, Jose Rosario, Thelma Batilo, and Monica Rodriguez.

Commissioners Absent: Oscar Leon, Kavita Sreedhar

Councilmember Evelyn Chua absent at roll call

Staff Present: Director of Building Safety and Housing Sharon Goei and Housing and Neighborhood Services Administrator Robert Musallam

4. **Seating of Alternates**

Monica Rodriguez

5. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve March 2, 2022 agenda

Motion/Second: Van Lan Truong / Monica Rodriguez

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

6. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve February 2, 2022 minutes

Motion/Second: Monica Rodriguez / Jose Rosario

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

7. **Public Forum**

None

8. **Announcements**

1. As of April 2022, all CAC meetings will be done in person at City Hall
2. City Council will be providing jackets to the Commissioners as an appreciation gift

9. Business Items

a. Simplified Application Submissions

Staff presented an overview of the FY22-23 CDBG simplified applications received

b. Applicant Comment

Prospective applicants provided comments to the Commission regarding their proposed applications

- i. SVILC spoke about two applications: rent relief and housing search assistance
- ii. SALA spoke about free legal aid for seniors
- iii. LifeMoves spoke about making repairs to Julian Street Inn
- iv. The Health Trust spoke about their meals on wheels program
- v. Child Advocates spoke about their CASA program
- vi. RTSV spoke about make critical in-home repairs for homeowners
- vii. YWCA spoke about providing domestic violence services
- viii. Pragnya spoke about funding for people with developmental disabilities
- ix. Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence spoke about providing domestic violence services
- x. YWCA spoke about partnering with MUSD on domestic violence prevention curriculum
- xi. Sourcewise spoke about their meals on wheels program
- xii. City of Milpitas' Recreation and Community Services spoke about three applications: senior nutrition assistance, senior digital access, and park rehabilitation
- xiii. Hope for the Unhoused spoke about providing more services to the homeless population
- xiv. Terrace Gardens spoke about two applications: senior dinner meal service and a capital project to fix the trellis

One public comment in support of Pragnya and its application

c. Commissioners Priorities Feedback

Commissioners took turns providing feedback on what priorities/areas they believe the City Council should focus on funding.

- i. Housing and food insecurity
- ii. Homelessness and shelter
- iii. Housing & unhoused services, rental rehabilitation, focusing on seniors, children and youth, and residents at risk of eviction. Parks and community facilities need improving.
- iv. Domestic Violence, children and youth with development disabilities, and economic development.
- v. Question about \$1M in parks funding. Applicant answered.
- vi. Parks need funding. Rent relief program. Domestic violence funding.
- vii. Agrees with all Commissioners: housing, domestic violence, rent relief, seniors, and funding for children are all priorities

One public comment asking that funding for parks should include disabled/integrated community as well.

10. City Liaison Reports

a. Councilmember

Councilmember Chua provided the following updates:

- i. The deadline for the small business grants has passed
- ii. Council will be providing jackets as an appreciation gift to Commissioners
- iii. A Commission trip to one of the CDBG grantee offices should be considered

b. City Staff

No report

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM to the April 6, 2022 meeting.