



# Draft Minutes

## Human Relations Commission

Wednesday, May 5, 2021  
Regular Meeting of the Human Relations Commission

### CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Human Relations Commission was called to order on Wednesday, at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference by Chair Campbell.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Jesse Grothaus, Angie Kasprzak, Emily Rosten, Megan Souza, Taryn Warrecker, Vice Chair Dusty Colyer-Worth, and Chair Renoda Campbell

Absent: None

Staff: Cara Vereschagin, Housing Coordinator; Megan Wilbanks, Deputy City Clerk; Kelsey Nocket, Homelessness Response Manager; Owen Goode, Assistant Planner

### INTRODUCTIONS

1. Housing Coordinator Vereschagin introduced the City's newly hired Homelessness Response Manager, Kelsey Nocket, to the Commission.

### PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

--End of Public Comment--

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. **Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Human Relations Commission Meeting of Wednesday, April 7, 2021.**

**ACTION:** MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROSTEN, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR COLYER-WORTH, 7-0-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Human Relations Commission of April 7, 2021.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

#### **3. Consideration of the 2021-22 Grants-in-Aid (GIA) Preliminary Funding Recommendations**

Housing Coordinator Cara Vereschagin provided an overview of the GIA program, presented the preliminary funding recommendations, and explained the methodology the HRC subcommittee utilized to develop the preliminary recommendations. Staff member Vereschagin also reminded the Commission of the funding priorities that were developed by the HRC and approved by the City Council in November 2020. Chair Campbell announced that written correspondence was received prior to the meeting for the Agenda Item from the following:

- Joanna Balsamo-Lilien, Family Care Network
- Bernadette Bernardi, Literacy for Life
- Andrea Kiesler, SLO Foodbank
- Juliane McAdam, Senior Nutrition Program/Meals That Connect
- Shannon McOuat, Hospice of San Luis Obispo County
- Linda Wingert, United Way SLO County

Chair Campbell opened the public hearing.

#### **Public Comments**

- Jenny Luciano, Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Sandra Greshin, Stand Strong
- Grace Macintosh, Community Action Partnership of SLO County (CAPSLO)
- Celeste Goyer, SmartShare Housing Solutions
- Monique Tiller, RISE
- Linda Wingert, United Way SLO County
- Andrea Kiesler, SLO Foodbank
- Catherine Manning, Peoples' Self-Help Housing Corporation

*--End of Public Comment--*

Chair Campbell closed the public hearing and the HRC deliberated.

**ACTION:** MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR COLYER-WORTH, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROSTEN, CARRIED 7-0-0 to approve funding recommendations.

### **STAFF & COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **4. Staff Updates**

Housing Coordinator Vereschagin announced that the County Board of Supervisors discussed regional collaboration on homeless response and solutions at their May 4, 2021

meeting, and also approved the 2021 Action Plan, which included recommendations for 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Minutes and playback from the meeting can be accessed on the County website.

#### **4. Commissioner Updates**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., via teleconference.

APPROVED BY THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION: XX/XX/2021