



**MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020

Consistent with the California Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, Resolution No. 79450 from the City of San José and the Santa Clara County Health Officer's March 16, 2020 Shelter in Place Order, the City Council meeting was not physically open to the public. Public comments were accepted via eComment, email, by phone/Webinar or online.

The Community and Economic Development Committee of the City of San Jose was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Khamis, Foley, Diep, Peralez, Esparza.

Absent: Councilmembers - All Present.

Staff: Office of the City Manager, Kim Walesh; City Attorney Office, Ed Moran; City Clerk, Toni Taber; Mayor's Office, Kelly Kline; and Yasmin Garcia/Ruth Krantz, City Clerk's Office

B. Review of Work Plan

Public Comments: (1) JT addressed the need for urgency from Staff to avoid further delays.

The Committee requested clarification on the deferral of Item B.3 on the work plan.

Office of the City Manager, Kim Walesh, referred to her memorandum dated October 6, 2020 to offer further insight to the deferral of Item B.3.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley, and carried unanimously, the Committee approved the Work Plan, and below listed actions were taken as indicated. (5-0.)

**1. Human Services Commission Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Report and
Fiscal Year 2020-21 Work Plan. (City Manager)**

Report Approved.

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B. Review of Work Plan (Cont'd.)

- 2. Arts Commission Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Report and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Work Plan. (Economic Development)**

Report Approved.

- 3. City Council Policy Priority #6: Review of Cannabis Land Use and Regulatory Provisions. (Police / Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)**

Item Deferred to Spring 2021 (date not specified.)

- 4. City Council Policy Priority #2: Electronic Billboards Phase 2. (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)**

Deferred to November 23, 2020 Meeting.

C. Consent Calendar

- 1. Human Services Commission Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Report and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Work Plan. (City Manager)**

Public Comments: Blair Beekman gave praise to the work and efforts made by the Human Services Commission and spoke to further art funding efforts.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the Human Service Commission Annual Report (July 2019 - June 2020) and approved the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Work Plan.
(5-0.)

- 2. Arts Commission Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Report and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Work Plan. (Economic Development)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the Arts Commission annual report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and approved the Arts Commission work plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (5-0.)

D. Reports to Committee

1. Verbal Report on Economic Development Activities. (Economic Development)

Public Comments: Blair Beekman addressed his concerns with small businesses and funding sources at a state and local level.

Action: The Verbal Report on Economic Development Activities was accepted. No vote required.

2. Housing Crisis Workplan Update. (Economic Development / Planning, Building and Code Enforcement / Housing)

Public Comments: (1) JT recommended tax deductions for San José City landlords and suggested Gardner Street neighborhood as a great area for rezoning possibilities. (2) Blair Beekman urged the need for organization on current housing practices to prevent future housing issues.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Lan Diep, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report updating the Committee on progress implementing the City Council-approved Housing Crisis Workplan and cross-referenced the report to the November 10, 2020 City Council meeting. (5-0.)

3. Update on the Affordable Housing Siting Policy. (Housing)

Public Comments: (1) Blair Beekman urged further transit developments. (2) A speaker addressed low income housing and worsening parking issues in his neighborhood. (3) A group of 5 speakers presented their PowerPoint and spoke consecutively: #1 Antonina addressed their support for the Siting Policy, the need for equitable housing within the City of San José, and their support to work with the City for the adoption of a policy that requires equitable dispersion of affordable and supportive housing. #2 Lance S. addressed affordable housing patterns that have existing patterns of racial segregation and the need for equitable placement, using his Hensley Neighborhood as an example. #3 Cindy V. encouraged economic and racial diversity to involve all categories of affordable housing, ensure successful support and incorporation of all residents, and addressed fiscal solvency, such as the lost tax revenue being replaced to support growing demands of infrastructure. #4 Victoria T. addressed the need for equitable placement of affordable and supportive housing and ensuring the allocation of resources by monitoring the Siting Policy be followed regardless of the current year's budget in communities that house the most vulnerable citizens. #5 Tina M. summarized the groups key points to incorporate into the Siting Policy: to encourage diversity, to support all community residents, to address fiscal solvency, monitor the cumulative impact to communities, and ensure allocation of resources.

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3. Update on the Affordable Housing Siting Policy (Cont'd.)

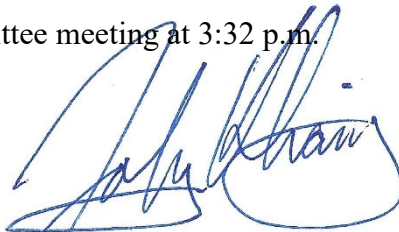
Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Perez, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report, recommending it to the full City Council on November 10, 2020 for approval.

Open Forum

Public Comments: (1) A speaker addressed Zoom connectivity issues, parking enforcement in his neighborhood, and taxpayer expenses. (2) Blair Beekman offered additional Housing suggestions.

Adjournment

Councilmember Johnny Khamis adjourned the Committee meeting at 3:32 p.m.



Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Chair
Community and Economic Development
Committee

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