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Council Liaison: Johanna Rodriguez

Draft Regular Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, February 15, 2018

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

The Human Services Commission of the City of San José convened for their regular meeting at 6:24 p.m. in Tower Conference Room 1753 at City Hall.

Present Commissioners: Elieh, Dickinson Goodman, Ly, Carvallison, Knight, Maciel, Lopez.

Absent Commissioners: Holiday, Barocio, Dotson, Chaudry, Estrada.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the minutes for January 18, 2018

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Dickinson Goodman, seconded by Commissioner Carvallison and carried unanimously (Commissioner Maciel abstained), the minutes were approved with the addition that if council staff receives a response from the District Attorney's Office regarding the number of women who have been arrested a change will be made to the final minutes.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Dickinson Goodman, seconded by Commissioner Knight and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved moving item VI. A. to immediately follow.

VI. Old Business

A. Human Trafficking and Prostitution Follow- Up; Josue Fuentes, District Attorney's Office of the County of Santa Clara, and Sharan Dhanoa, South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking

- Mr. Fuentes responded to the Commissioners questions regarding the details of how the anti-human trafficking and prostitution statutes are implemented in the field as follows:
 - o Broken windows theory as done in the University of Chicago is how the DA's office operates – to prevent the spread of blight and crime in lower socioeconomic neighborhoods.

VI. Old Business cont.

- The majority of the buyers of sex in the Monterey corridor are from San Jose.
- All young women who are younger than 18 years of age as assumed to be victims of trafficking because they're too young to consent to sex. No women younger than 18 have been prosecuted.
- Non-profit advocates are the ones providing services for victims, not the Das office.
- The neighborhood's primary concern was the amount of prostitution happening.
- The diversionary program is offered for women who do not have a prior conviction, and allows for expungement upon completion of the program.
- The county does not gather information on the immigration status of those arrested.
- 90% of the street level prostitution is happening in this neighborhood.
- Paula Stanislaus is the prosecutor assigned to prosecuting the human trafficking cases. She is away this week.
- Ms. Dhanoa responded to the Commissioners questions regarding human trafficking and prostitution policies in Santa Clara County as follows:
 - There's a lot of data missing. Some of it is intentional like with the immigrant status question, but some has to do with funding and approach.
 - There's a variety of prostitution types happening in the area: online, street level, ads, etc.
 - The difficulty in proving force, fraud, or coercion is what is causing such a low number of the women arrested for prostitution – in addition, these women have layers of mistrust and disappointments and fear that gets in the way of these women self-identifying
 - She is advocating for a victim-centered, trauma-informed approach. law enforcement is trying to do this but it's hard to fully implement that from their perspective.
 - Documentation status is used as coercion for all forms of trafficking (sex work and wage theft)
 - Criminalizing sex work instead of treating them as human trafficking victims disincentivizes women from leaving because they now have a conviction on their record and its harder for them to get other kinds of work.
 - Those who are witnessing this kind of behavior should be using ReportJohn.org, making sure to include license plate numbers in order for law enforcement to follow up on them.
 - The buyer school is one day, but the diversion program for sex workers is 10 weeks – what does that say about how we're valuing these two different crimes.
 - The coalition created a family toolkit to help the families of young people who witness this behavior so that they can talk to them at any age in a way that makes sense and informs them about consent.
 - Service gaps exist for things like housing for survivors, especially transitional housing.

Action: Vote on further recommendations to Council about human trafficking actions by the police department was deferred to the next meeting. Discussion only.

VII. New Business

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Dickinson Goodman and seconded by Commissioner Maciel, the Commission voted unanimously to defer the presentation by Uplift to the next meeting, prioritizing it as the first item at the next agenda, and move the presentation by Anthony King of Silicon Valley De-Bug next in the agenda.

- A. Family and Children's Mental Health Services Presentation, Laura Champion. Executive Director of Uplift Family Services

Action: presentation deferred to the next meeting (see above).

- B. Homeless Sweep Process Presentation; Anthony King, Silicon Valley De-Bug

Discussion only (no action).

III. Public Record - None

IV. Open Forum - None

V. Reports and Informational Only

- A. Chair Estrada was not present so there was no report.
- B. Council Liaison; Johanna Rodriguez, Office of Councilmember Tam Nguyen, gave up her time for the lengthy responses from Mr. Fuentes and Ms. Dhanoa.
- C. Sabrina Parra-Garcia, Office of the City Manager, presented on:
 - a. the forms she has for Commissioners to get their Commission business cards.
 - b. The need for volunteers to do the spring Census Local Area Update for Census (LUCA) efforts.
 - c. Mark your calendars for Make Music Day, June 21.

VII. New Business

- C. Women's Bill of Rights Policy; Sabrina Parra-Garcia, Office of the City Manager
Purpose: To review the ordinance in detail and create a plan for implementation, including deciding whether to create an ad hoc committee and on next steps.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson Goodman, seconded by Commissioner Knight, the Commission voted unanimously to approve an ad hoc committee to work on the implementation of the Women's Bill of Rights with Commissioners Dickinson Goodman, Maciel, Knight, and Carvallison as members.

- D. Work Plan Progress reports; Vice Chair Lopez

Commissioner Maciel provided an update for the October Disability film viewing. The public library has offered to provide space for viewings and/or panel discussions. She presented the idea to the Mayor, who expressed support and encouraged her to ask Council offices for donations.

Discussion only (no action).

E. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) invitation; Commissioner Dickinson Goodman

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson Goodman, seconded by Commissioner Maciel, the Commission voted to approve that the Commission send a letter inviting the Gilroy ICE spokesperson James Schwab to attend an up-coming Commission meeting. Commissioners Elieh, Dickinson Goodman, Maciel, and Lopez voted in favor, Commissioners Ly and Carvallison voted no, and Commissioner Knight abstained.

VIII. Next Meeting

A. Thursday, March 15, 2018 at City Hall Tower Conference Room 1753.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.