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**AGENDA
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020**

MEMBERS

Jacques Bolton, Chair, Agency Representative
Joe Ford, Vice-Chair, Agency Representative
Myra Martin Booker, Mayor
Vacant, District 1
Erica Jaramillo, District 2
Leslie Caldwell, District 3
Nasir Rasheed, District 4
Peggy Sisson, District 5
Michael Albrecht, District 6
Jessica Xie, District 7
Vacant, Agency Representative
James Aragon, Pasadena City College
Ann Rector, Pasadena Unified School District

STAFF

Lola Osborne, Deputy Director HS&R
Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary

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JACKIE ROBINSON COMMUNITY CENTER
1020 NORTH FAIR OAKS AVENUE
PASADENA, CA 91103**

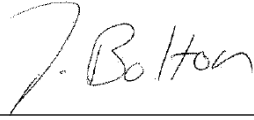
- 1. CALL TO ORDER; WELCOME; ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
Please limit comments to 3 minutes per speaker.
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES, DECEMBER 13, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING AND DECEMBER 13, 2019 REGULAR MEETING***
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**
INFORMATION ITEM
 - **BRIEF PRESENTATION ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – JAVAN RAD (CHIEF ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY)**
ACTION ITEM
 - **CHAIR’S SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
ACTION ITEM
 - **COMMISSION WORK PLAN UPDATES AND DISCUSSION* (15 MINUTES)**
 - **OUTREACH (CALDWELL)**
 - **OFFICE OF THE YOUNG CHILD (SISSON)**
 - **HOMELESSNESS (BOLTON, BOOKER)**
 - **INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES – YOUTH (CALDWELL)**
- 6. COMMENTS AND UPDATES**
 - **COMMENTS FROM CHAIR**

 - **STAFF COMMENTS**

 - **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**
- 7. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS**

8. ADJOURNMENT

*Attachment



Jacques Bolton, Chair
Human Services Commission

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DRAFT MINUTES



**CITY OF PASADENA
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019
5:45 PM
1020 NORTH FAIR OAKS AVENUE
PASADENA, CA 91103**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Michael Albrecht, Jacques Bolton, Leslie Caldwell, Joe Ford, Erica Jaramillo, Peggy Sisson, Jessica Xie

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: James Aragon (excused), Myra Martin Booker (excused), Nasir Rasheed (excused), Ann Rector (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Lola Osborne, Tamer Sabha

1. CALL TO ORDER; WELCOME; ROLL CALL

Chair Bolton called the meeting to order at 5:57 PM. Staff (Sabha) called the roll and a quorum was established for the Commission.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THIS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- **PRESENTATION REGARDING LEARNING WORKS CHARTER SCHOOL AND THEIR WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS – MIKALA L. RAHN, PHD, CEO**

The Commission received an informational presentation from Mikala L. Rahn about the Learning Works Charter School and wrap around services they provide to help students overcome personal challenges. Questions and discussion followed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved (Ford) and seconded (Xie) to adjourn the special meeting. (Motion unanimously carried) The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.

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STAFF PRESENT: Lola Osborne, Tamer Sabha

5. CALL TO ORDER; WELCOME; ROLL CALL

Chair Bolton called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM. Staff (Sabha) called the roll and a quorum was established for the Commission.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES, NOVEMBER 13, 2019*

After review, it was moved (Sisson) and seconded (Xie) to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting amended as stated below. (Motion carried) (Abstain: Ford)

▪ **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Xie will attend a meeting with Josh McCurry from the Flintridge Center next week to find out what resources are available for the previously incarcerated and how the Commission can help fulfill their work plan.

8. NEW BUSINESS

▪ **PRESENTATION ON THE HOMELESSNESS PLAN – DIANA TREJO AND JENNIFER O'REILLY- JONES**

The Commission received an informational presentation on the Homelessness Plan and the Continuum of Care Program. The Commission also requested to schedule a presentation at a future meeting to provide feedback on the Homelessness Plan. Questions followed.

9. OLD BUSINESS

▪ **COMMISSION WORK PLAN UPDATES AND DISCUSSION* (15 MINUTES)**

- **OUTREACH (CALDWELL)**
- **OFFICE OF THE YOUNG CHILD (SISSON)**
- **HOMELESSNESS (BOLTON, BOOKER)**
- **INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES – YOUTH (CALDWELL)**

Commissioner Jaramillo volunteered to join the Intellectual Disabilities – Youth and Homeless Prevention and Intervention ad hoc committees.

10. COMMENTS AND UPDATES

▪ REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Bolton commented on:

- Meeting with the Leaders of Change group from John Muir High School, who suggested the city install the following along Lincoln Avenue and Fair Oaks Avenue due to safety concerns:
 - Crosswalk lights at intersection near the school
 - Kiosks that will sound an alarm and alert police when activated;
- The Chair shared information regarding the resignation of Commissioner Carr from the Human Services Commission; and
- Requested recommendations regarding available locations for an adults with disabilities day camp from the A Step Ahead agency.

Staff (Osborne) advised that the Leaders of Change group should attend the next Northwest Commission meeting to provide public comment on the issue of crosswalk lights in Northwest Pasadena.

▪ STAFF COMMENTS

Staff (Osborne) commented on:

- La Pintoresca Tree Lighting ceremony on Friday, December 13;
- Accepting toys at Jackie Robinson Community Center and Villa-Parke Community Center for a toy giveaway on December 17-18; and
- Councilmember Kennedy is hosting an event on Sunday, December 15 from 2:00 PM-5:00 PM honoring Jackie Robinson's 100th birthday at the Robinson Park Recreation Center.

▪ COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Sisson suggested scheduling a future presentation from Mary Donnelly about the Young and Healthy organization.

Commissioner Xie commented on meeting with Josh McCurry, J.D. Williams, and Tyrone Thompson from the Flintridge Center about resources and gaps they had and how the Commission could help. Their current needs are an alcohol abuse program for youth, volunteer attorneys for weekly legal clinics, and assistance for family reunification.

Staff (Osborne) advised referring the Flintridge Center to All Saints Church about finding volunteer attorneys for the legal clinics. Commissioner Ford advised contacting him directly for a referral for family reunification.

11. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved (Sisson) and seconded (Ford) to adjourn the regular meeting. (Motion unanimously carried) The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

**CITY OF PASADENA HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
WORK PLAN: 7/1/19 - 6/30/20**

MISSION (as stated in Charter/Ordinance):

The purpose of the Human Services Commission is to advise and make recommendations to the City Council regarding human service needs of people of all ages in this community. The commission will aid the city in facilitating collaborative efforts and a coordinated approach to improve and expand the delivery of quality human services in Pasadena. The commission is established to respond to significant unmet human services needs and gaps as identified in various city documents related to human services.

For purposes of Chapter 2.86, "human services" is defined as a broad range of programs and activities designed to protect, improve and restore the personal welfare and well-being of residents of all ages. Typical human services would include, but not be limited to: social services, shelter, economic support, employment and training, education, health and protective services.

OBJECTIVES/STRATEGIES:

1. Outreach

Leads: **Caldwell**, Xie

Objective: To communicate the action items of the commission to the stakeholders of the community.

Action Items:

- Staff provide a recap of action items to distribute to the Commission
- Commissioners provide a quarterly update to their district Councilmember about what the Commission is working on

July 2019: No update.

August 2019: Commissioner Carr provided an update on the successful staffing of the Commissions table at Assemblymember Holden's Annual Block Party and Resource Fair on Saturday, August 3. Commissioner Carr also informed the Commission on his update to Vice-Mayor Hampton, which he believes led to PasadenaNow article about the agenda items for the August meeting

September 2019: Chair Bolton dissolved the Outreach ad hoc committee and discontinued this item as a goal in the work plan. Commissioner Carr sent his monthly email to Vice-Mayor Hampton, which included the flyer for the New Revelation Church Parking Lot Giveaway on Saturday, September 14, and links to Pasadena Now articles on the homeless update.

October 2019: The goal was discontinued from the work plan.

November 2019:

- The Commission voted to re-establish the Outreach ad hoc committee.
- Commissioner Caldwell provided an update on contacting Councilmember Kennedy's office about their preferred format for providing Commission updates.
- Commissioner Xie asked the ad hoc committee leads to think about accomplishments in the last quarter, with a deadline at the end of November, to send the one page quarterly news update to their Councilmembers.

December 2019:

- Commissioner Xie will use notes from previous meetings and information submitted the other ad hoc committee leads to create the newsletter.
- Commissioner Caldwell will update District 3 Councilmember Kennedy about what the Commission is working on and submit the information for the newsletter.

Status:

2. Office of the Young Child

Leads: **Sisson**, Bolton

Objective: To inform the commission on the progress and accomplishments of the Office of the Young Child.

Action Item:

- Presentation from Crystal O'Grady about grants and Early Childhood Hub Network (November 2019)

July 2019: No update.

August 2019: No update.

September 2019: Commissioner Sisson confirmed that Crystal O'Grady will be presenting to the Commission at the November regular meeting.

October 2019:

- Crystal O'Grady (Office of the Young Child) will be presenting to the Commission at the November regular meeting
- Office of the Young Child event (Growing Together PASadena Launch) on Friday, November 15 at La Pintoresca Branch Library

November 2019: The Commission received an informational presentation from Crystal O’Grady about the Office of the Young Child and Commissioner Sisson will attend the Growing Together PASadena launch event on Friday, November 15.

December 2019: Commissioner Sisson provided an update on the successful Growing Together PASadena launch event at La Pintoresca Branch Library on Friday, November 15.

Status:

3. Homelessness

Leads: **Bolton, Booker, Xie**, Ford, Rector, Rasheed, Aragon, Albrecht

Unidentified Homeless Youth

Objective: To create multiple food banks across the City of Pasadena and to increase the communication between foster parents and foster children.

Action Items:

- Meet with Pasadena Unified School District, Pasadena City College, and other city officials to implement the food banks
- Hold an ad hoc committee meeting with representatives from LA County including Supervisor Barger to encourage the effective communication of monies and services available for school, housing, and transportation for transitional age youth
- Presentation from Leaders of Change (February 2020)
- Presentation from Police Chief Perez on how the Police Department interacts with unidentified homeless youth (February 2020)
- Presentation from Commissioner Rector on PUSD’s interaction with unidentified homeless youth (March 2020)
- Presentation from Youth Moving On (March 2020)
- Presentation from Public Health Department (April 2020)

Homeless Prevention and Intervention for Adults

OBJECTIVE

Provide monthly oral and written reports about commission collaboration with agencies working to prevent adults from transitioning into homelessness and intervening with those who are homeless in the following areas:

COMMISSION ACTION PLAN

Continuum of Care & Pasadena Partnership Public/Private Agencies Activities:

Participate in the Faith Community Subcommittee by:

- Participating in outreach forums to the homeless and the community – Information
- Working on a Tool kit of activities that provide resources to the community; and participating in Developing an Information Kit for public awareness.

Participate in Research Subcommittee by:

- Attending meetings to give input on ideas for preventing Homelessness.
- Inviting Diana Trejo to present the draft of the City of Pasadena Homelessness Plan; Critique - Written input
- Providing commission input for development of the Pasadena Homelessness Plan;
 - Participating in the 2020 Homeless count;
 - Inviting Dr. Sofia Herrera and Jennifer O'Reilly-Jones to present Homeless Count results-Information

Pasadena Outreach Response Team (PORT) Activities: (Information)

- Invite PORT to provide its power point presentation of its strategies and interventions employed to help the homeless in order for the Commission to provide active support and participation in some selected activities.

Real Change Movement – Research

Collaborate with Flintridge Center to help:

- Raise awareness about the donations made through the meter program for the homeless.
- Raise awareness about the issues of homelessness within our community.

July 2019: No update

August 2019:

- The Commission received an informational presentation from Dr. Sofia Herrera and Jennifer O'Reilly-Jones highlighting issues of homelessness
- Chair Bolton provided an update on the food bank at Pasadena City College (PCC) and was contacted by Dr. Bell (PCC) to meet about the process of opening a food bank at John Muir High School
- Commissioner Booker updated the Commission about the several committees within the Pasadena Partnership and their upcoming meetings and agenda items. (Housing Committee on 8/15, Faith Community Committee on 8/21)

September 2019:

- Chair Bolton spoke to Dr. Bell at Pasadena City College about opening up a food bank at John Muir High School and is waiting for the MOU to go out to the Pasadena Unified School District

- Commissioner Booker attended various subcommittee meetings of the Pasadena Partnership and suggested that other commissioners also attend these meetings to give their input on the Homeless Plan
- Chair Bolton appointed Commissioner Aragon to serve on the Homelessness ad hoc committee.

October 2019:

- Commissioners Bolton, Ford, and Albrecht met with the PCC Vice President and the Principal of John Muir High School at the PCC Northwest Campus and agreed to open a dry goods food bank on the John Muir campus, but needed to meet with the Executive Committee at PCC and follow-up in the near future.
- Commissioner Booker updated the Commission on:
 - Inviting Diana Trejo to be present at the November meeting;
 - Sending out the Homelessness Plan for the Commission to read and provide comments and suggestions to Diana Trejo
 - Sending the organizational chart for the Pasadena Partnership Continuum of Care; and
 - Contacted Daniel Torres at the Flintridge Center about the Real Change Movement work plan item to see how the Commission can collaborate with the Flintridge Center.

November 2019:

- Chair Bolton and Commissioner Albrecht updated the Commission on meeting at Perry's Joint with the Pasadena Unified School District about providing temporary support for homeless youth, on a weekly basis on school grounds, including showers, washing machines, food banks, internet access, and other types of support.
- The Commission voted to approve Chair Bolton and Commissioner Albrecht action items discussed with the Pasadena Unified School District about providing services at one or more of their currently or soon to be closed schools

December 2019: Commissioners Albrecht, Bolton, and Xie met with Shirly Barrett and Miguel Perez from the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) on Friday, November 22 about the legalities of providing temporary homeless services and housing on vacant school sites and any obstacles they might encounter.

Status:

4. Intellectual Disabilities – Youth

Lead: **Caldwell**

Objective: Provide access to recreational programs and ensure that youth with intellectual disabilities are fully included in the existing park programs.

Action Items:

- Research Special-Fit program (fitness for diverse needs) to be added to current HSRD programs in parks
- Research existing city programming and adding information so that individuals with intellectual disabilities can be fully included
- Share information gathered with the Pasadena community
- Present information that was gathered to the Accessibility and Disability Commission to get their input

July 2019: No update.

August 2019: Commissioner Caldwell will research agencies that provide programs for youth with intellectual disabilities.

September 2019: Commissioner Caldwell shared the names she developed (RECREATION4US, FITNESS4US) and a sample program description as a suggestion for the Human Services & Recreation Department to communicate about programs offered to youth with intellectual disabilities.

October 2019: No update.

November 2019: Commissioner Caldwell is continuing to research inclusive programs for youth with intellectual disabilities and will provide an update at the next meeting.

December 2019: Commissioner Caldwell is continuing to research inclusive physical fitness and park programs for kids ages 7-13 that are available in Pasadena and how to make those resources more available to the public.

Status: