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TORRANCE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION AGENDA
MARCH 24, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission Members Funes, Leys, Reynolds, Sansalone, Scotto, Witt, Chair Bickford

2. FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Reynolds

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, March 17, 2022.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30 minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items not on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 3 minutes per speaker.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 2022

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION BY 1736 FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

7B. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REGARDING ADAPTIVE RECREATION PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

7C. DISCUSS A 2022 VETERANS RECOGNITION EVENT

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of the Social Services Commission Meeting to April 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

February 24, 2022

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Social Services Commission convened in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2022 via teleconference or other electronic means.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Funes, Leys, Reynolds, Sansalone, Scotto, Witt and Chairperson Bickford

Absent: None

Also Present: Deputy City Manager Hoang and Management Associate Gent

2. FLAG SALUTE

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Witt.

3. REPORT OF THE STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Management Associate Gent stated that the agenda for the Social Services Commission was properly posted on February 17, 2022 on the Public Notice Board by the City Clerk's office and the City's website.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Management Associate Gent stated that there were no withdrawn or deferred items or supplemental items.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 28, 2021 and January 27, 2022

MOTION: Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve Item 6A; motion was seconded by Commissioner Witts. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF ON THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN CONSULTATION

Management Associate Gent welcomed Chelsea Shafer from the Community Development Department who presented the report and explained that the City had been allocated \$1,710,939 in HOME-ARP funds which could be used from September 13, 2021 through September 30, 2030 for the following activities: development and support of affordable housing, tenant-based rental assistance, provision of supportive services and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units. She noted that City had to submit an allocation plan to the United

States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive the funds. She reported that the City, in order to fulfill the requirements of the allocation plan, had consulted with local agencies and service providers to identify the unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems and had sent consultation packets to 22 representatives within 16 organizations that met the consultation requirements as outlined by HUD. She confirmed that the City had received 11 responses and one memo and discussed the results received from the consultation packets.

Ms. Shafer announced that staff would be conducting a Public Hearing, tentatively scheduled for the April 12, 2022 City Council meeting for the public to provide additional input regarding the HOME-ARP funds.

MOTION: Commissioner Funes moved to accept and file presentation from Community Development Department staff on the Home Investment Partnership Program American Rescue plan (HOME-ARP) allocation plan consultation; motion was seconded by Commissioner Witt. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

7B. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION FROM DAVID OSTER AND BARBARA HANEY, FOUNDER AND FACILITATOR FOR PEOPLE FIRST SELF ADVOCATE OF THE SOUTH BAY HARBOR AREA

Management Associate Gent introduced Barbara Haney and David Oster. Ms. Haney detailed the history of the organization, stated that the members were individuals with a variety of intellectual disabilities and explained that People First Self Advocate of the South Bay Harbor Area fostered: a sense of belonging, self-esteem and confidence, friendship and recreation, community involvement, civic responsibility and leadership opportunities and training. She discussed the activities, workshops, projects and meetings of the organization.

MOTION: Commissioner Funes moved to accept and file presentation from David Oster and Barbara Haney, Founder and facilitator for People First Self Advocate of the South Bay Harbor Area; motion was seconded by Commissioner Witt. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Commissioners and staff discussed the Homeless Count and thanked the participants.

Management Associate Gent stated that within Service Planning Area 8 (SPA8), 85% of the tracks had been counted and that within Torrance, 100% of the tracks had been counted.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. At 7:10 p.m., Commissioner Witt moved to adjourn the meeting to the regular meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference or other electronic means. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reynolds and the motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

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Commission Meeting of
March 24, 2022

Honorable Members of the Social Services Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: Accept and File Presentation by 1736 Family Crisis Center

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of staff that the Social Services Commission accept and file a presentation from 1736 Family Crisis Center, whose mission is to help those most in need by offering the necessary tools to develop safe and self-sufficient lives.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS


1736 Family Crisis Center, founded in 1972, responds to the needs of victims of domestic violence, runaway and homeless youth, homeless families, homeless and at-risk veterans, unemployed adults and youth, and low-income community members in need of assistance. Clients can access life-saving support 24 hours a day at five shelters, four community service centers and five crisis and suicide hotlines. 1736 Family Crisis Center seeks to help people experiencing conditions of poverty, homelessness and violence.

This evening, the Commission will hear a presentation from Michele Nadeau, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator. Ms. Nadeau has been requested to address:

1. Populations served by their organization,
2. Methods to access these services,
3. Challenges and opportunities faced by their organization, and
4. Potential opportunities for the City to better serve these populations.

Staff respectfully recommends that your honorable body accept and file this presentation.

Respectfully submitted,


Zulma Gent
Staff Liaison


Viet Hoang
Staff Liaison

Commission Meeting of
March 24, 2022

Honorable Members of the Social Services Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

**SUBJECT: Accept and File Presentation by Community Services Department
regarding Adaptive Recreation programs offered through Recreation
Services Division**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of staff that the Social Services Commission accept and file a presentation from the Community Services Department regarding Adaptive Recreation programs offered through the Recreation Services Division.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

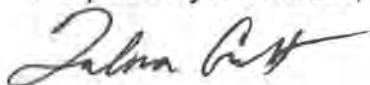
For over 35 years, the Community Services Department has offered programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities through the Recreation Services Division. The programs have been an invaluable resource for the participants, as well as their families.

This evening's presenter is Charlene Walker, Program Coordinator, with the Community Services Department. Charlene will be addressing the following:

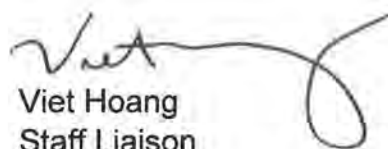
1. Background of the Adaptive Recreation programs
2. Review of current program offerings
3. Community partnerships

Staff respectfully recommends that your honorable body accept and file this presentation.

Respectfully submitted,



Zulma Gent
Staff Liaison



Viet Hoang
Staff Liaison

Honorable Members of the Social Services Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: Discuss a 2022 Veterans Recognition Event

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of staff that the Social Services Commission discusses a framework for planning a 2022 Veterans Recognition Event

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

2019 Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

On November 8, 2019, the City of Torrance and the Social Services Commission held an in-person Veterans Appreciation luncheon and Resources Fair, with the following in attendance:

- Veterans: 101
- Guests of Veterans: 46
- Resource Booths: 17

The main program was held in the Toyota Meeting Hall and the Resource Booths were hosted in the Torino Plaza. The program for the 2019 event was as follows:

10:00 am – 11:30 am	Resource Booths Open, organizations included <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helmets to Hardhats• Disabled American Veterans• CalVet• Employment Development Department, Local Veterans Employment Division• AMVETS• Social Security Administration
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome2. Posting of the Colors3. Pledge of Allegiance4. National Anthem5. Remarks from the Mayor6. Blessing of the Meal7. Civic Chorale and Lunch8. Keynote Speaker: Colonel Ann Igl, Commander, 61st Air

	Base Group, Los Angeles Air Force Base 9. Open Mic 10. Closing Remarks
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Booths Open • Raffle Prizes

2020 Veterans Recognition Event

With the County of Los Angeles Public Health Officer's Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 Order prohibiting gatherings of people who are not part of a single household or living unit, the 2020 Veterans Recognition Event was held as a virtual event. The elements for the 2020 event were as follows:

1. Adoption by the City of a proclamation declaring November 8 – 14, 2020 as Military Veterans Appreciation Week in the City of Torrance.
2. Online video message of appreciation from the Mayor and messages of appreciation from representatives of the military branches. Video message posted on the City website, City social media, and CitiCABLE YouTube channel. The video also aired on CitiCABLE television.
3. A designated page on website celebrating Military Veterans Appreciation, which included:
 - a. Links to resources for Veterans.
 - b. Messages from the Community thanking Veterans.

2021 Veterans Recognition Event

Similar with 2020, in 2021, given the uncertainty of State and LA County guidelines related to Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community, the Commission held a virtual recognition event. Below are some updates on the 2021 virtual recognition event:

1. On October 26, 2021 City Council adopted a proclamation declaring November 7 – 13, 2021 as Military Veterans Appreciation Week.
2. Solicited online tribute video messages where a total of 28 messages were submitted.
3. A Military Veterans tribute video posted on the City's YouTube channel had 299 views.
4. The City's Facebook tribute page was viewed over 1,000 times.
5. City Staff received comments that were very favorable, with people thanking the City for putting a program together or for giving them an opportunity to have a message included in the presentation.
6. The tribute video was also aired on the CitiCABLE channel.

2022 Veterans Recognition Event

So that staff can begin planning an event, reserving event space (if appropriate), and identifying resource fair participants, staff recommends that the Commission discuss the following:

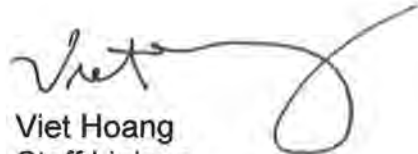
1. Nature of Event: Virtual, In-Person or Hybrid.
2. Date of event:
 - a. If in-person or hybrid event, how can the selection of the date best address unknown factors related to COVID and its surges?
3. Elements the Commission would like to see as part of the event.
4. Alternate plans for unexpected conditions.
5. Invited guests:
 - a. Assign a Commission member to brainstorm potential guests (speakers) for virtual or in-person event.

With the Commission's discussion tonight, staff will return with updates in future meetings and additional decisions to be made.

Respectfully submitted,



Zulma Gent
Staff Liaison



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