

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Judy Drotman, Chair
Karen Bellessa
Johnny Tseng
Donna Straker
Cynthia Moore

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Kimberly O'Neil, Vice Chair
Kate R. Garrison
Salim Virani

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC PRESENT

Kassi Rios
Rich Holmer
Mary Lee
Jim Fini
Sandra Franklin

STAFF PRESENT

Shanette Eaden, Housing and Community Services Manager
Aida Villa, Sr. Housing and Community Services Coordinator
Yoko Mizuta, Sr. Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Drotman in Training Room A, 1520 K Avenue at 5:46 PM, Tuesday, April 16, 2019. A quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Chair Drotman gave an overview of the role of the Community Relations Commission and the grant hearing process.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3A

ONE PROGRAM SUPPORT APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF TEXAS MUSLIM WOMEN'S FOUNDATION, INC.

One program support application for \$55,000 from Texas Muslim Women's Foundation, Inc. Samra Ali, Syeda Ali, and Inshael Abuzaid presented an overview of the program. The presenters used two minutes to address staff evaluations. The Commissioners asked questions of the applicant regarding the application details and program, and there was much discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3B

ONE PROGRAM SUPPORT APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF HOPE'S DOOR, INC.

One program support application for \$34,678 from Hope's Door, Inc. Jim Malatich presented an overview of the program. The presenter used two minutes to address staff evaluations. The Commissioners asked questions of the applicant regarding the application details and program, and there was much discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3C

ONE PROGRAM SUPPORT APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF EMILY'S PLACE, INC.

One program support application \$53,381 from Emily's Place, Inc. Mark Hagan, Tawnia Wise, and Brynn Bruno presented an overview of the program. The presenters declined using two minutes to address staff evaluations. The Commissioners asked questions of the applicant regarding the application details and program, and there was much discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3D

ONE PROGRAM SUPPORT APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE SAMARITAN INN

One program support application for \$180,570 from The Samaritan Inn. Rick Crocker, Heather Molsbee, and Keeth Palmer presented an overview of the program. The presenters used two minutes to address staff evaluations. The Commissioners asked questions of the applicant regarding the application details and program, and there was much discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3E

ONE PROGRAM SUPPORT APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF CITY HOUSE INC.

One program support application for \$30,000 from City House Inc – My Friend's House (RHY-Runaway Homeless Youth). Jennifer Lajoie and Sheri Messer presented an overview of the program. The presenters used two minutes to address staff evaluations. The Commissioners asked questions of the applicant regarding the application details and program, and there was much discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3F

ONE PROGRAM SUPPORT APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF CITY HOUSE INC.

One program support application for \$30,000 from City House Inc. – Transitional Living Program. Jennifer Lajoie and Sheri Messer presented an overview of the program. The presenters used two minutes to address staff evaluations. The Commissioners asked questions of the applicant regarding the application details and program, and there was much discussion.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3G
ONE PROGRAM SUPPORT APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF METRO DALLAS
HOMELESS ALLIANCE**

One program support application for \$54,324 from Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance. Cal Martinez and Shavon Moore presented an overview of the program. The presenters used two minutes to address staff evaluations. The Commissioners asked questions of the applicant regarding the application details and program, and there was much discussion.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4
ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There being no items for future discussion. Commissioner Karen Bellessa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Donna Straker seconded the motion, which passed 5-0. Chair Drotman adjourned the meeting at 7:49 PM.

Community Relations Commissioner