

First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission
Commission Meeting
January 19, 2022, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
3375 Sonoma Blvd, Suite 30, Vallejo, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present via Zoom videoconferencing: Chair Erin Hannigan, Vice Chair Tyffany Wanberg, Lisette Estrella-Henderson (joined 3:22), Amy Fabi, Jerry Huber, Tiffanee Jones, Nimat Shakoor-Grantham, Marla Stuart

Chair Hannigan called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

I. Public Comment

No public comment

II. Consent Calendar

Motion:

A. Approve the January 19, 2022 Commission Meeting Agenda.

B. Approve the December 15, 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes.

C. Adopt Resolution 2022-01 authorizing remote teleconference meetings under the State of California Proclaimed State of Emergency issued March 4, 2020 and pursuant to AB361 requirements, for a term of January 19, 2022 to February 18, 2022.

Consent Calendar moved by Commissioner Wanberg; Seconded by Commissioner Huber

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Fabi, Hannigan, Huber, Jones, Shakoor-Grantham, Stuart, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. Introduce 2022 Officers; Chair Affirms Committee Assignments

Commission Chair Erin Hannigan recognized outgoing Commission Chair Jennifer Barton for her service and dedication to the First 5 Solano Commission. Chair Hannigan emphasized outgoing Commission Chair Jennifer Barton's contribution in obtaining \$2 million from the State of California and her role in talks with the City of Fairfield regarding a new First 5 Center.

IV. Positive Parenting Awareness Month Resolution

Motion: Approve Resolution #2022-02 recognizing January 2022 as "Positive Parenting Awareness Month" in Solano County

Positive Parenting Awareness Month Resolution moved by Commissioner Jones; Seconded by Commissioner Stuart

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Fabi, Hannigan, Huber, Jones, Shakoor-Grantham, Stuart, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

V. 2022 Strategic Plan Update

Motion: Approve the 2022 Strategic Plan Update

The Commission received a short presentation that summarized the components of the 2022 Strategic Plan Update.

Strategic Plan Update moved by Commissioner Jones; Seconded by Commissioner Shakoor-Grantham

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Fabi, Hannigan, Huber, Jones, Shakoor-Grantham, Stuart, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

VI. 2022 Systems Change Action Plan Update

Motion: Approve the 2022 Systems Change Action Plan

The Commission received a short presentation that summarized the 2022 Systems Change Action Plan.

Systems Change Action Plan moved by Commissioner Jones; Seconded by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson

Approved 8-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Hannigan, Huber, Jones, Shakoor-Grantham, Stuart, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

VII. Policy and Oversight Committee

A. Fairfield First 5 Center Update

Executive Director Michele Harris presented an update on the proposed Fairfield First 5 Center location. The City of Fairfield will be building a large sports complex on North Texas Street, which is in First 5 Solano's target area to locate our Fairfield First 5 Center. The city is building a 6,000sf building in a new sports complex and has offered that building as the new location for the Fairfield First 5 Center. The terms, in the broadest sense, are that First 5 Solano will contribute its \$2Million from the State of California toward the space. The City of Fairfield will provide the remaining cost to build the building. First 5 Solano and the City of Fairfield will develop a Facility Use Agreement for that site, part of which includes no facility cost for the space for at least a 20-year duration. This partnership is a perfect match with the agencies in that the City of Fairfield has the resources to support the infrastructure and First 5 Solano has the resources to operate programs for Fairfield's children and families. Additionally, First 5 Solano and the City of Fairfield met recently to discuss the schematics of this new build and it is comparable to the existing First 5 Center in Vallejo, including a large lobby, large rooms for classes and offices for staff. One challenge about this new build is that it does extend the original timeline for a Fairfield First 5 Center opening to Spring 2024; Ms. Harris stated that the slight delay in the timeline was well worth it, as this is a wonderful opportunity to partner with the City of Fairfield and make meaningful change in that area of the City.

Commissioners Lisette Estrella-Henderson and Commissioner Marla Stuart excitedly agreed that this center would be a huge asset to City of Fairfield families and has the ability to make a huge impact. Commissioner Tyffany Wanberg sees no downside to this proposed build and indicated that this has the potential to set a precedent for future target areas and community needs. The Commission encouraged staff to continue down this path and they would be looking forward to more information.

B. Foundation Giving in Solano County and the Bay Area-2022 Update

Kim Gillette, Applied Survey Research, presented an update to the 2014 & 2016 *Foundation Giving in the Bay Area* reports. The original reports indicated that Solano County received the fewest grant dollars in the Bay Area. This still holds true with the updated report but Solano County's receipt of grant dollars has increased 185% from 2014 to 2018. To address the overall lack of resources, First 5 Solano has worked to bring in additional resources and funding which is captured in the report.

The Commission discussed the different funding sources that can be accessed, including private dollars, foundation dollars and government dollars.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Michele Harris updated commissioners on two requests to Solano County to access American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars; one request is to support an Early Learning Center located at the former Beverly Hills Elementary site in Vallejo. Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD) is willing to lease the property at cost to one lessor. This site does need tenant improvements in order to convert from a K-5 site to an early learning center. This request totals \$1.87 million with a completed project cost of \$3.2 million. First 5 Solano will also be applying for a state grant to cover remaining costs. The second ARPA request totals \$888,000, over 3 years, and is to fund a program that will train 100 childcare providers on use of a business management system that can track attendance, enrollment, billing, etc

IX. Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Tiffanee Jones remarked the importance of holding VCUSD responsible for existing renovations. Deputy Director Megan Richards indicated that there have been multiple visits to this site and there will be ongoing negotiations between VCUSD and First 5 Solano in regards to who will be responsible for upgrades over the course of the lease.

Commissioner Jerry Huber plans to announce the Deputy Director replacing Aaron Crutison at Child Welfare Services this Friday, January 21st. In addition, Child Welfare Services will begin to implement Family First Prevention services that focus on preventing child neglect and abuse.

X. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location

The next commission meeting will be held on March 16, 2022 at 3:00 PM at 3375 Sonoma Boulevard, Suite 30, Vallejo. Future agenda items include: FY2022/23 Proposed Budget.

Adjourn

Vice Chair Wanberg adjourned the meeting at 4:53 PM.

Caitlin Brakefield, Office Assistant III

Approved:

