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**ACTION MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE HOUSING COMMISSION HELD ON MARCH 11, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cunningham opened the meeting at 9:16am.

**ROLL CALL**

Commission Members present:      Connie Cunningham, Chair  
   Tessa Parish, Vice Chair  
   Sue Bose, Commissioner  
   Siva Gandikota, Commissioner  
   Govind Tatachari, Commissioner

Commission Members absent:      None

Staff present:                              Kerri Heusler, Housing Manager  
   Beth Ebben, Deputy Board Clerk  
   Gian Martire, Senior Planner  
   Gabe Borden, Senior Housing Planner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the February 11, 2021 Housing Commission meeting were approved as written.

Bose moved and Parish seconded.

AYES: Bose, Cunningham, Gandikota, Parish, Tatachari

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

VOTE: 5-0-0-0

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Member of the public Jennifer Griffin spoke about the COVID vaccine and the homeless population. Members of the public Henry Sang and Jean Bedord spoke as representatives of the Age Friendly Cupertino Task Force about the need for senior housing.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2. Subject: FY 2021-22 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Below Market Rate (BMR) Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) funding allocations

Recommended Action: 1) Adopt Resolution 21-01 recommending FY 2021-22 CDBG and BMR AHF funding allocations to City Council for final approval

The Commission accepted a presentation from staff member Heusler. Staff member Heusler answered questions from Commissioners. The following applicants provided a presentation and answered questions from Commissioners: Deanne Everton (Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley), Sujatha Venkatraman (West Valley Community Services), and Mark Tersini and Mike Kelley (Westport Project).

Member of the public spoke Lianna Crabtree on this item. Member of the public Ava Chiao submitted written communications.

Bose motioned to amend resolution to include \$1,000,000 in BMR AHF funding for the Westport Project, with City BMR AHF funding contingent upon the successful award of tax credit financing. Parish seconded.

AYES: Bose, Cunningham, Gandikota, Parish

NOES: Tatachari

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

VOTE: 4-1-0-0

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **STAFF UPDATES AND COMMISSION REPORTS:**

Staff member Heusler provided information about the following items:

- City Council actions and items
- Housing Survey Subcommittee
- Work program update

Bose reported on attendance at the Mayor's meeting.

## **FUTURE AGENDA**

- Study session on affordable housing

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm to the next regularly scheduled Housing Commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/Kerri Heusler

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Housing Manager