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**ADOPTED MINUTES
SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY FACILITY COMMISSION
Wednesday, June 28 , 2023
6:00 P.M.**

1. **Land Acknowledgement:** *Chair Murphy* read the Land Acknowledgement.
2. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** *Chair Murphy* called the meeting to order at 6:10 and staff called roll.
Present: *Murphy, Fromer, Chung, Mezie, Posey, Sanchez, Tran*
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** April 26, 2023, and May 24, 2023
Moved: *Posey* **Second:** *Sanchez*
4. **General Public Comment:** *None*
5. **Communications:** *None*
6. **Asian American Pacific Islander Recognition – Patsy Tito:**
Susan Murphy, Chair
Commissioner Fromer acknowledged Ms. Tito as an amazing leader in the community who she is honored to have worked with and Chair Murphy added that youth in her organization are becoming environmental justice leaders. She said Ms. Tito is the voice of the Pacific in the community and has made a way for the next generation to continue the work she started 30 years ago. Chair Murphy added that Ms. Tito has always been an advocate for the community and continues to elevate the Pacific Islander community by creating and developing relevant programs for the community with programs that utilize indigenous practices including programs for seniors, youth, and families. The programs provide dual languages, parenting classes, and community awareness events.

Ms. Tito said she was honored to be a recipient of the award and on behalf of the Pacific Islander community she appreciated finally being seen, acknowledged, and recognized in different spaces.
7. **Report of the Chair:**
(Commissioner Murphy, SECCFC Chair)
Chair Murphy reminded those assembled of the Farmer’s Market held every Thursday at the Center from 3pm to 7:30pm. There are offerings of fresh produce and baked goods. The accepted payments are cash, credit, and debit cards, and EBT cards.
8. **Committee Reports:**
 - a) Community Programs Advisory Committee (*Posey*)
Commissioner Posey reported there was no quorum. The meeting was informational only.
 - b) Facility & Design Advisory Committee (*Sanchez*)
Commissioner Sanchez reported there were 3 presentations. The first was the Safe Illinois Street, the second was an update on Center programming and activities, and the third was an introduction to the new junior administrative analyst, Elise Washington. Ms. Washington provided an update on the Resident Partner Guide.

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Mayor

Emily Pharr
Executive Director

Susan Murphy
Chair

Dr. Gina Fromer
Vice-Chair

Karen Chung
Commissioner

Chika Mezie
Commissioner

Damien Posey
Commissioner

Amerika Sanchez
Commissioner

Marlene Tran
Commissioner



9. **ACTION: Commission Letter of Support of High-Quality Protected Bike Infrastructure on Illinois Street:** (Blumberg)

(Kate Blumberg, Member, Livable Streets Committee, District 10)

Kate Blumberg is a volunteer working with a group of neighbors in District 10 to identify projects needed to support safe streets for bikers. After a brief presentation and discussion with the Commission Ms. Blumberg advised this was an effort to provide outreach efforts to Supervisor Walton. In response to a question from the Commission regarding whether SFMTA had done any studies and whether they are aware of the request Ms. Blumberg said she had been in contact with Mr. Matt Lasky, SFMTA Project Manager.

Chair Murphy moved the item forward to an upcoming meeting and directed staff to invite Mr. Lasky to a meeting and allow the SFMTA time to respond to the Commission

10. **SECF Director's Report:** (Pharr)

(Emily Pharr, SECF Executive Director)

Executive Director Pharr thanked Jeff Harp, Josh Gil, and the Southeast Facility Manager Jason Barcelon for the first Emergency Preparedness Training on-site. All the Resident Partners were represented, and the training included all SECC staff and other employees that work in the building. Commissioners Fromer, Tran, and Sanchez also participated in the training.

Commissioner Tran said the training was very comprehensive and Director Pharr reported another training will take place for Commissioners in a closed session at the next meeting.

Director Pharr reported all of the partner agencies are occupying space in the building and they are providing services and programming to the community from the site. She advised the partners will be providing presentations on their work at upcoming meetings and Elise Washington the Resident Partner Liaison is in the process of building relationships and will help facilitate reports on the development of programs.

The Director reported staff is working with Civic Edge Consulting on the event series and the first events will take place in August. She noted the reservation system is in place and there is a lot of interest in the Center. A great deal of time and resources have gone into over 681 events, nearly 30,000 people have visited the Center, and \$140,000 in revenue has been generated. The Farmer's Market is every Thursday and began this month. She encouraged the Commissioners to attend and invite their friends and families to visit and partake of the fresh fruits and vegetables.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioner Chung asked how many months did it take to generate \$140,000?

- Staff responded the amount was generated from November to June, 8 months.

Commissioner Chung said the Center should be self-supporting in 12 months.

- Staff advised currently the revenues go back to the Wastewater budget, however staff is looking into finding a way to bring the resources directly back to the Center to support programming. The Wastewater budget covers maintenance and facility management however staff is hoping to start a conversation regarding this idea, and it is good to know the Center is generating funds.

Director Pharr introduced Kristen Webb who provided an update on the Headworks Project that is nearing completion. The aesthetics will continue to improve with the addition of one more temporary art mural on the construction fence. Banners developed by artist Alpha Tossi will be installed mid-November and at the final stage of the construction there will be a permanent art installation on the exterior. There will be street light improvements and Ms. Webb emphasized the Headworks Project would increase the efficiency of the treatment plant. She reported there would be new odor control improvements that would directly improve the air coming from the facility. She added that soon the community will be able to see the large digestors so there has been a lot of progress. She reported the patience of the community was appreciated because the project has been going on for a long time. Ms. Webb offered to answer questions and will provide another update with visuals soon.

11. **Faces SF – Certificate of Recognition for 70 Years of Service:** *(Pharr)*
(Emily Pharr, SECFC Executive Director)
Chair Murphy moved item 11 forward to the next meeting.

12. **Future Agenda Items:**
Staff reported an invitation had been forwarded to the Bayview Police Captain with a hope that he would be available in July or August. We are also expecting an update on the Biosolids Project.

13. **Announcements:**
Director Pharr announced the Farmers Market and reiterated the importance of getting the word out and participating.

Commissioner Sanchez announced Five Keys in partnership with the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club would be participating in an Affordable Housing community event on July 12. The event is being provided to inform students and the community is invited as well. There will be a panel discussion with representatives from the Mayor’s Office and the event will start at 6pm and end at 7:30pm.

14. **Adjournment:**
Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

The next meeting of the Southeast Community Facility Commission will be Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

Carla Vaughn, Commission Secretary