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ADOPTED MINUTES
SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY FACILITY COMMISSION
Community Programs Advisory Committee
August 14, 2025
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement: 6:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Posey (Alt.), Tran, Windley

Excused: Mezie

3. General Public Comment:

The following individuals provided public comment –

Oscar James/ Kevin Williams/ Kenisha Roach/ Tacoma Hollins/ Janice Smith/
Diane Wesley Smith/ Demetrius Williams/ Larry C. Jones Jr./ Tony

Oscar James, community resident for 79 years, born and raised in D10, served on the Model Cities Commission until the Southeast Commission was created. He introduced other community members as members of the new Coordinating Council. Mr. James reported the original Coordinating Council negotiated with Mayor George Moscone during the development of the sewage treatment plant and the Coordinating Council developed the plans and the MOU. He reported the community benefit package that came out of that agreement was to build the current building and the old building on Oakdale and Phelps was supposed to have been Bayview-Hunters Point College. The new Coordinating Council will pick up the baton and carry it. Mr. James said he has the upmost respect for the people on the Commission and they are doing a good job. He advised the community members present will be going downtown to ensure that contracts are given to the community and that programs are put into the community from the money that is supposed to come to the community from the original MOU. He said the community benefit package is supposed to help young people and provide scholarships. He reported this is what the Council wants, and they don't blame the Southeast Commission. They blame the SFPUC, and they plan to let them know. Mr. James said he heard there is a plan to eliminate the Southeast Commission, and the community will not let that happen. He said the Southeast Commission represents the community and as long as there are people in the community that look like him there will be representation for them. He reported the community had representation since 1953 and it started at the Christopher Addis Club located across the street from Providence Church, which is now College Track. The building was purchased with hard earned money from the sales of turkey dinners, pies, and cakes provided by the grandmothers of the community. He pledged to honor their hard work and said the Coordinating Council wants to make sure the community benefits from the money coming out of the sewage plant.

In closing Mr. James said the community is owed over a billion dollars from the expansion of the sewage treatment plant and this community is the only not being compensated. He introduced Kevin Williams.

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Kevin Williams, community resident and son of Ruth Williams said his mother worked alongside Eloise Westbrook, Osceola Washington, Rosalie Williams, Julia Comer, and Bertha Freeman. Mr. Williams said he was fortunate to return to the community that his elders helped build. He reported he worked for the Redevelopment Agency for 6 years and his area was Hunters Point – India Basin. After that he worked for the Human Rights Commission at the Airport during the \$3.2 billion master plan expansion where he evaluated minority, women, and local business contracts and employment. He also managed cases of discrimination in contracting. He stated that he was happy to be here because there was a time he didn't think anything would change. He reported people had asked him to step in and he had been reluctant but now he was here to help the young people build a legacy that had been stolen from them. Mr. Williams said many families were displaced and had lost their first right of refusal to return to the community. He noted that from 1960 to 1990 20,000 African American families had been displaced and the communities gentrified. He reported they were promised the right to return and were given Certificates of Preference. Mr. Williams said it was a shame that now they want to get rid of the Southeast Commission and remove the Commission from the role it has traditionally played as advisor to the SFPUC. Mr. Williams said the Southeast Commission is needed to continue in that traditional role because it has benefited the community. He said decisions have been made that the Southeast Commission has no control over, and the SFPUC has produced a report that he has examined, and it includes astounding data from the plant. He said Bayview-Hunters Point residents, get 3 cents for every dollar that an outside worker receives. He reported billions of dollars have been spent outside of the community and 74% of the contracts go to out-of-town contractors, with a sliver going to workers that live in the 94124 – 94134 areas, including Potrero Hill. He said the community has a right to equitable participation at every level. He offered to share the report which would provide more detail and shed light on the depth of the deprivation. He said these failures are being reported as successes. He stated 90% of the prime contractors, if not all, are white. He advised that 50 years ago while monitoring the contractors he advised everyone from the Mayor's Office to the Board of Supervisors that more black prime contractors were needed, and 50 years later there is not one and it is reflected in the data. He reported there are contractors from Orange County, Humboldt County and Brownsville that are receiving repeated contracts to the tune of nearly \$1 billion dollars. One contractor had \$700 million in contracts. Contractors outside of San Francisco are receiving more than contractors in San Francisco and this is not policy that was promised as mitigation for the building of the plant. He said the promise was made that the project was a mitigation process that would include Bayview-Hunters Point residents. Mr. Williams said working with the Southeast Commission could change that. He requested support from the Southeast Commission and advised the Coordination Council will be supporting the Southeast Commission as well. He advised the Council will continue their community efforts in a manner that is lawful, and the law is already on the books. Mr. Williams said the Coordination Council has a project labor agreement signed by all of the trade unions and building trade organizations. He noted if the Southeast Commission is removed there will be no intermediary between the community and the powers that be. Mr. Williams advised he will provide a copy of the report to the Commission Secretary. He introduced Kenisha Roach, President of the new Coordinating Council.

Ms. Kenisha Roach, President of the Coordinating Council said the days of exploitation of the community are over and this is the message they will take downtown. She said there was representation from 94124, 94134, and 94107. She introduced member of the council as follows:

Vice-President – Arande Sterling, owner of Sterling Framers and a contractor

Treasurer – Elisha Rochelle

Sergeant at Arms – Evangela Brewster

The Council is requesting to review the following:

- All MOU's
- All documentation and legislation regarding Bayview-Hunters Point Coordinated Council
- Contracts
- School/Education and everything that was agreed to in the Agreement in 1972.

They would like these items on the next agenda.

Tacoma Collins, En2Action Air Quality Management for D10 said the SE Community Programs Advisory committee mission statement goes against everything that is going on in the 5 San Francisco Hope Sites.

- There's one way in and no way out because the buildings were built on mold and people are dying.
- People are brought in to provide services, but the community doesn't know these people, which creates defamation of character and a breach of confidentiality

Janice Smith, Bayview resident for 64 years, reported on the mistreatment of residents in the 604 Apartments by a company called Related Management. The apartments were managed by AMCO prior to Related Management. Youth in the community are allowed to work 2 to 3 hours a day, 3 days a week. Other individuals are working 40 hours a week and are very disrespectful to the residents. Quality materials are not being provided to upgrade the apartments, and the floors are coming up before the residents can move back in. Some residents are being returned to their apartment before inspections are completed. Ms. Smith provided several examples of the mistreatment of residents by the management company. Ms. Smith is requesting help from the Commission. She provided pictures showing the hazards that are in place. She reported Mr. Joe Cross is the Vice-President of Related Management and the owner of Stephan Ross, manager of the Miami Dolphins and best friends of the current President of the United States. She said Mr. Ross is known for coming into Black communities and dismantling the lives of the under-represented. Ms. Smith reported several seniors have been hospitalized due to the mold. There has also been illegal towing. Related Management oversees Bayview Apartments, All Hallows Apartments, Shoreview Apartments, and LaSalle Apartments. Ms. Smith provided pictures of the areas in question and invited the Commissioners to take a walk-through of the apartments.

Diane Wesley-Smith, Bayview resident and certified affordable housing property manager said the promises made need to be revisited. She said information is being gathered to revisit the CBA's (community benefits agreements), the PLA's and the MOU's. She requested copies of the agreements and said a strategic meeting will be held to develop strategy and ask for assistance from the Southeast Commission. Ms. Wesley-Smith advised the group is here to help the young people. She advised she had participated in rewriting the amendment to the Certificate of Preference because it was not working. She said people will now be attending these meetings because they are interested in a partnership, and they are asking for help.

Demetrius Williams, owner of CIW and Sons Plumbing, and President of the San Francisco Hyperlocal Building Trades Contractors Collective. He stated the Collective is a group of contractors that organize, discuss contract opportunities within D10, and try to make sure D10 has the opportunity to build the community themselves. Mr. Williams said he was disheartened to hear there's talk about not having the Commission anymore and he is here to offer his support. He said the SECFC is a voice that is needed, and the community wants to make sure the Commission continues to thrive and be the voice of the community downtown with the SFPUC. Mr. Williams said the community has problems like any other community and they want to make sure the sewer treatment plant is held accountable for its actions.

He referenced the addition of the state-of-the-art technology, biogas, never-seen-before system that is supposed to catch the methane gas. It was sold to the community 40 years ago when the community was told the sewer treatment plant coming into the Bayview was going to shoot gases in the air and the community would never smell it. Now half of the community has asthma, allergies, and cancer. He reported the new biogas technology has not been tested on humans and is being used in the community. Mr. Williams said this is why the Southeast Commission is important so the SFPUC can be held accountable and provide data to the community regarding the biogas system. In closing Mr. Williams said his father Clarence Williams was a plumber for the water department for 42 years.

Larry C. Jones, Jr. a community member from the Sunnydale Public Housing Projects, said he recently became aware of the Commission and was impressed by the members and their passion for the community. He specifically thanked Commission Tran. He said he was a part of the San Francisco Water Alliance and remembers the Hetch Hetchy Project of 1995. He noted that he has dealt with the SFPUC and their abundance of disregarding the Black community and the role we play in doing this work. He said this is historical and not new to him. He said he wondered why the community has to go through so much to get things done that other communities don't have to go through. He asked why does the community have to stop work, shut down sites, stand outside and bang drums to let people know? He said the community is mislabeled and when they try to do be diplomatic they are pushed to the side and lied to. Mr. Jones said the community wants to be taken seriously and they want to do things the right way and have the Southeast Commission let the SFPUC know that they understand contractual litigation and they are wise. Mr. Jones said the community will support the Commission and they want to receive support from the Commission.

Tony, an elder from the community said he was born here in 1945. He said the Coordinating Council was created to represent the community the right way. He noted he was the Chairman of the Joint Housing Committee when the India Basin Project didn't have streets and sidewalks. He reported the committee helped people get into construction trades because they knew what was going to happen when the cost of living was raised in the community. Mr. Tony said as a member of the Coordinating Council he was happy to see people speaking up for the community.

Commissioner Posey thanked everyone for their remarks and invited them to attend a full Commission meeting. He said reports have been provided regarding the biogas and biosolids projects, but the community was not in attendance. He remarked that he was glad they were here now, asking questions and being engaged.

Staff advised those in attendance that these matters are not on the current agenda, therefore the Commissioners were unable to address specifics. However, the attendees were welcomed to contact the Chair, Commissioner Posey, or Executive Director Pharr and request time on an upcoming agenda. This would allow time for a full discussion with the Southeast Commissioners.

Mr. Kevin Williams said he would provide data to the full Commission and the Coordinating Council is planning to address the SFPUC and demand an appropriate response to the disparities in question.

4. Adoption of Minutes – March 10, 2025

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2025.

Moved: Posey Second: Tran

Approve

Public Comment: None

5. Upcoming SECC Events (Discussion) (Washington)

(Rashida Washington, SECFC Deputy Executive Director)

Ms. Washington provided an update on programming at the center on behalf of Nikki Cooper, Outreach & Engagement Program Analyst. The objectives of the presentation are to –

- Share the vision of the Family Movie Series & D10 Health Fest
- Highlight goals, timelines, and community impact
- Invite Commissioner support, participation, and feedback

Ms. Washington said the Southeast Community Center will kick off the second annual three-part Family Movie Series on Friday, September 26. The movie series is designed to bring Southeast families together through fun, film, and community connection. Each movie night will be hosted by a Southeast Community Facility Commissioner from the SE Community Programs Advisory Committee to showcase their commitment to supporting youth, families, and educational programming in the Bayview Hunters Point in alignment with the center's mission.

The three- part series will begin with Tween/Teen Night on Friday, September 26, hosted by Commissioner Mezie from 4pm to 8pm. The Tween/Teen Zone will feature a vision board station, LEGO challenge, and interactive games. There will be a Roses and Thorns Sharing Circle.

The Halloween Cub Hub Day on Saturday, October 25, will be hosted by Commissioner Windley from 12pm to 4pm. It will feature a coloring station, mini vision boards, free LEGO play and a Roses and Thorns Sharing Circle.

The Family Day on Saturday, November 15 will be hosted by Commissioner Tran from 12 pm to 4pm. The day will feature a vision board station, intergenerational interactive games, and a Roses and Thorns Sharing Circle.

The events will take place during the day and the center will be collaborating with the YMCA as well as the 3rd Street Youth Center and Clinic. Refreshment will be provided.

Ms Washington noted the idea for a movie series came from a community engagement survey. The community indicated that a movie series was the second highest rated interest of the individuals that completed the survey.

Ms. Washington provided an overview of the upcoming D10 Health Fest which will be hosted by the Southeast Community Center. This will be the 13th Annual D10 Health Fest "From Healthy Roots to Autumn Radiance". The event will be a dynamic, community-powered celebration of holistic health, healing, and collective joy in D10. The annual event will bring together City departments, community-based organizations, local businesses and over 400+ Southeast residents to engage in empowering wellness experiences rooted in culture, equity, and community pride.

The event will provide fitness activations, health screenings, healing and wellness hubs, vendors, and entertainment. We are planning to have 400 attendees.

The Health Fest will take place from 11am through 4pm.

Ms. Washington said the Bay Area Legal Clinic that was previously housed at the Bayview YMCA would be available at the center on Friday from 3pm to 6pm. No registration is required. They will be available to provide legal consultations.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioner Tran said she was very happy to see so many community members in attendance and she thanked them for participating. She requested the names of the movies.

- Staff responded September 26 – Piece by Piece/ October 25 – Hocus Pocus/ November 15 – Chung Li and the Legends of Ten Rings

Commissioners asked where the movies would be shown?

- Staff responded the multipurpose rooms were a possibility to provide the most comfort.

Public Comment:

Carmen Kelly, community member said she was looking forward to the Health Fest and she was glad it was returning. She suggested inviting the American Cancer Society to address the concerns of the community and to provide information regarding pre-trial studies that are being done. She suggested a conversation regarding menopause and the fact that menopause affects women in the Black and Brown communities differently. She noted African American women go through menopause for many more years than others and there is a need to discuss this topic. She suggested a film “Impact on Menopause” that addresses the impact of menopause on the whole body, and it particularly focuses on dentistry. She said there are alternative measures that can be offered to women who are suffering, and dollars would be well spent to offer hormonal balancing, remedies, and treatments at a subsidized rate. She said there are compound pharmacies that offer hormonal balance therapies for women, but they are so expensive that if you are not making a certain amount or you are not on a PPO plan you cannot afford them. Women in this community not only need to know, but they need to have an opportunity to have equitable access.

Ms. Kelly also suggested opening a dialogue regarding diabetes and podiatry as well as inviting a third-party entity to discuss body imagery with children. She said this is a health issue as well.

Siobhan Hunter, community member spoke regarding area 94107. She said the community is often forgotten and she wanted to find a way to engage the residents of 94107.

Greg Devon, community member suggested including mental health as a part of the Health Fest.

Ms. Washington thanked the community members for their comments and said she would return to the planning committee with the information.

6. Director’s Report: (Pharr)

(Emily Pharr, SECC Executive Director)

Director Pharr reported there were no other updates other than the Legal Clinic Services that would be provided starting next Friday. She said she hoped everyone would attend the Movie Series and the Health Fair, as well as the Full Commission meeting on August 27.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:

None.

Public Comment: None.

7. New Committee Business: (Discussion)

Commissioner Posey invited community members to attend the full Commission meeting and place their items on the agenda to facilitate a full discussion.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:

None.

Public Comment: None.

8. Announcements:

Commissioner Posey announced the US4US Backpack giveaway from 2pm to 6pm on Sunday at the center.

Sioban Hunter announced her organization “Standing for Peace” will be providing school uniforms and additional supplies to students. She noted this is being done with no outside funding.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:

Commissioner Tran thanked Ms. Hunter for the work being done in the community and as a long-time advocate for the 94107 community she said she could relate to the feeling of being forgotten and not seen.

Public Comment:

Kimberly Hill Brown, community member said the elders in the community are working with young people and showing them how government works.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. in honor of the memory of John “Iesha” Ena beloved member of the Samoan Community who served the youth for years at the Samoan Community Center.

The next meeting of the Community Programs Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 9, 2025.

Assigned Commissioners: Chika Mezie / Marlene Tran / Kristin Windley
Alternate: Chair Damien Posey