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ADOPTED MINUTES
SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY FACILITY COMMISSION
Community Programs Advisory Committee
May 8, 2023
12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement:** 12:12 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Present: Posey, Mezie, Tran, ONeal, Wade-Thompson

Absent: Ceniza

Excused: Summers

3. **General Public Comment:** None.

4. **Adoption of Minutes – April 10, 2023.**

Moved: Tran **Second:** Wade-Thompson

Ayes: Posey, Mezie, Tran, ONeal, Wade-Thompson

Public Comment: None

5. **Cyber Hub Program Development** (Presentation & Discussion) (Rubio)

Jenny Rubio, Five Keys Cyber Hub Program Manager

Dorick Scarpelli, Five Keys VP of Programs & Partnership

Executive Director Pharr introduced Jenny Rubio and Dorick Scarpelli who provided an overview of the program.

Mr. Scarpelli advised the organization is in final negotiations with the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development. The green light has been given and all of the equipment for the program has been procured.

Ms. Rubio provided a Land Acknowledgement from the Five Keys organization. She advised that in a digitalized world, many community members lack the digital skills necessary for survival. The intent of the Cyber Hub is to provide a community space focused on filling the need for digital training and equitable access to technology. The program will be executed through physical access, programming, and community partnerships.

Ms. Rubio had three grounding questions for the group to reflect on:

- What types of programs and resources will the Cyber Hub offer to enable individuals to engage in the creation and sharing of digital content, and how will they make access to digital resources convenient and accessible for all members of the community?

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- In what ways can community members be uplifted holistically while continuing to stay grounded in the original intentions for the Cyber Hub space?
- How can the Cyber Hub create a physical space that promotes inclusivity and equity, minimize barriers to access, and provide equitable services to all community members, regardless of background or level of digital literacy?

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:

The Commissioners expressed enthusiasm about the program.

Community Committee Member Wade-Thompson noted it would be good for schools that did not have a computer lab. She also asked if there would be paid-internship opportunities and if the interns should be paid in a way that would not affect the income of the parents?

Commissioner Tran noted it would be great to use a shuttle service to bring people to the Center for digital training. The language barrier was mentioned and the importance of providing digital services to all of the varied members of District 10 was highlighted along with the need to provide advertisements of the program in every language.

Commissioner Mezie asked if there was a plan for translators because of the diversity of the community with African Americans, Samoans, Russians, Filipinos, and Spanish speakers?

Commissioner Tran suggested contacting someone from CYC (Community Youth Center) to connect with translators for the AAPI community.

Commissioner Mezie asked about the curriculum and if there was a plan for youth that already had basic skillsets, would they be able to learn technology skills? She added that she recently met a young person at Thurgood Marshall High School that expressed an interest in Cyber Security, and she hoped a program like this would encourage kids to get into skilled industry jobs so they could work at Google and Salesforce. She said she was looking forward to Five Keys partnering with other organizations.

- The Five Keys staff responded the program would focus on working with people based on their individual skill levels and within the Five Keys program because of their ability to work with individuals in procuring high school diplomas they are a great fit for individual needs.

Community Committee Member Tandia ONeal asked if IT help would be available if individuals brought their computers to the Cyber Hub?

- Ms. Rubio responded they are looking into the possibility of having troubleshooting hours where time would be set aside to assist members of the community with problems they may be having with their laptops.

Public Comment: None.

6. Directors Report:(Pharr)

Emily Pharr, Executive Director

Director Pharr reported the Center went into lockdown last week when someone breached security with a firearm. Everyone was fully cooperative with the instructions that were given, and our next steps will be to work with our Security Team and provide training for staff, Commissioners, and tenant partners.

An emergency plan is being solidified and is at the top of our priority list. Director Pharr advised there is a lot of good technology on site to support our security efforts and we have the resources available to increase security.

The Director said we are looking for opportunities to have a stronger police presence on campus in a respectful, responsible way. Director Pharr noted we do not want to be reactionary. She said we want to be responsive which comes through training. The Director advised that now that the tenant partners were moving in there was an opportunity for everyone to receive the same information and training in real time. Director Pharr said she would like to invite the Bayview Captain to meet with the Commission and look for opportunities to work together with law enforcement. She advised there is 24-hour security on site as well as cameras.

The Director reported we are working to update the MOU with the Ambassadors so they will have an office/desk onsite.

She noted that we do not want to create a police state but even at the old Center there were police on-site when necessary. She said we want to make sure we define the need for security support it in a way that is productive.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:
None.

Public Comment: None.

7. New Committee Business:

Invite the Bayview Police Captain to address the full Commission.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:
None

Public Comment: None.

8. Announcements: (discussion)

A reminder was provided regarding the scholarships available to students in the community.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners and Community Committee Members:
None.

Public Comment: None.

9. Adjournment:

Community Committee Member Ms. Emily Wade-Thompson requested closing in the memory of Veronica Lightfoot, a revered counselor from Carver Elementary School and John O'Connell High School.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

The next meeting of the Community Programs Advisory Committee is scheduled for June 12, 2023.

Assigned Commissioners: Damien Posey/ Dr. Gina Fromer/ Marlene Tran

Community Members: Joy Ceniza/ Tandia O'Neal/ Emily Wade-Thompson/ Kathryn Summers