



CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

KEN EDWARDS CENTER, 1527 4TH
STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

7:00 PM

Call to Order
Roll Call

(Please note that Agenda Items may be reordered during the meeting at the discretion of the body.)

1. **Public Input:** Public input is permitted on items not on the agenda only to the extent those items fall within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. State law prohibits the body from taking any action on items not listed on the agenda, including issues raised under this agenda item. (A chit should be completed indicating items for public input. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.)

2. **Approval of the Minutes for the December 16, 2019 Special Meeting.**
Attachments:
-- Draft Minutes for the December 16, 2019 Special Meeting

3. **Update from Staff on the status of the Social Service Commission's Resolution, passed on November 25, 2019, recommending to the City Council changes to Section 2.60.030 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code.**

4. **Update from Staff debriefing the January 22, 2020 Santa Monica Homeless Count, including an estimate of when results will be available.**

5. **Discussion and possible action on the general timeline for the City's budget process, including opportunities for public participation, through the end of the fiscal year.**

6. **Update and possible action on the op-ed submission written by the Ad Hoc Committee on Providence Saint John's Development Agreement and other Development Agreements, as approved on December 16.**
Attachments:
-- Op-ed, as revised and approved on December 16

7. Reports from Ad Hoc Committees and Liaisons

- A. Ad Hoc Committee on the Canavan Project (Chair Wechsler, Commissioners Parent and Coleman).
- B. Ad Hoc Committee on CDBG Consolidated Plan (Chair Wechsler and Commissioner Coleman).
- C. Ad Hoc Committee on Reimagining SAMOSHEL (Commissioners Akin, Parent, and Stoff).
- D. Ad Hoc Committee on the Budget (Chair Wechsler, Vice Chair Stedje-Stroud).
- E. Ad Hoc Committee on Mental Health (Vice-Chair Stedje-Stroud, Commissioners Akin, and Ambriz)
- F. Ad Hoc Committee on Addiction and Substance Abuse (Commissioners Akin, Devermont, and Parent).
- G. Liaison Report on Homelessness Steering Committee (Commissioner Parent).
- H. Ad Hoc Committee on the City Clerk's recommendations to Council on Boards & Commissions (Commissioners Ambriz, Coleman, and Parent)
- I. Liaison Report on Early Childhood Task Force.
- J. Liaison Report on Santa Monica Cradle to Career (SMC2C) (Chair Wechsler).
- K. Liaison Report on Relevant California Legislation (Vice Chair Stedje-Stroud).

8. Written Communication

9. Future Agenda Planning

Adjournment

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR THAT PROMOTE CIVILITY AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS:

- Treat everyone courteously;
- Give open-minded consideration to all viewpoints;
- Listen to others respectfully;
- Focus on the issues and avoid personalizing debate;

- Exercise self-control;
- Embrace respectful disagreement and dissent as democratic rights, inherent components of an inclusive public process, and tools for forging sound decisions

This agenda is available in alternate format upon request. The Ken Edwards Center is wheelchair accessible and is served by Big Blue Bus Lines 2, 3, 4, 5 & 9. If you require any special disability related accommodations (i.e. sign language interpreting, access to an amplified sound system, etc.), please contact the Human Services Division at (310) 458-8701 or humanservices@smgov.net at least 3 days prior to the scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT GUIDELINES: Public attendance and comment at Commission meetings are welcomed and encouraged. Members of the public will have 3 minutes to speak on items on the agenda and should submit a chit to City staff before the presentation begins. Chits submitted for public comment should indicate the agenda item to which public comment is addressed. Members of the public wishing to speak will be called upon in the order in which their chit was received. Applause or any other disruptive behavior is not allowed.

Any member of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the meeting by mailing them to: SSC, c/o 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, or to: humanservices@smgov.net. Written comments received from the public by **12 PM (noon) on the day of the meeting** will be distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. Any documents produced by the City regarding any item on this agenda will be made available in Room 212 at City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, during normal business hours.

Agendas, minutes, and information on the Social Services Commission are available on the website: <http://www.smgov.net/ssc>.

This agenda is subject to change up to 72 hours prior to a regular meeting and 24 hours prior to a special meeting. Please check the agenda prior to the meeting for changes.

ATTACHMENT

Item 2. Approval of the Minutes for the December 16, 2019 Special Meeting.

-- Draft Minutes for the December 16, 2019 Special Meeting



**MINUTES
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 AT 7:00PM
KEN EDWARDS CENTER
1527 4TH STREET, SANTA MONICA CA 90401**

Call to Order

Chair Wechsler called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Roll Call

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

Present: Chair Wechsler
Commissioner Akin (arrived 7:01PM)
Commissioner Ambriz
Commissioner Coleman
Commissioner Devermont (left 8:18PM)
Commissioner Parent
Commissioner Stoff

Absent: Vice Chair Stedge-Stroud
Commissioner Barringer

Also present: Setareh Yavari, Human Services Manager
George Cardona, Special Counsel/Chief of Staff

1. Public Input

Public input was heard from Olga Zurawska, and Michael Louis.

2. Approval of the Minutes for the November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Coleman moved and Commissioner Parent seconded to approve the minutes for the November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.

3. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on the December 17th City Council item concerning Boards and Commissions.

A. Presentation by Denise Anderson-Warren, City Clerk

Denise Anderson-Warren, City Clerk, presented on proposed administrative changes to Boards & Commissions as well as a recommendation that Council approve a working group to further review and make

recommendations on Boards & Commissions, to be presented at the December 17th City Council meeting.

Public input was heard from Olga Zurawska.

No formal action was taken.

- B. Ad Hoc Committee on the City Clerk's recommendations to Council on Boards & Commissions (Commissioners Ambriz, Coleman, and Parent).

There was no report.

No formal action was taken.

4. **Presentation, discussion and possible action on an overview of the City's Performance Management Program, including the connection between performance management and the budget process, by Tim Dodd, Chief Performance Officer.**

Tim Dodd, Chief Performance Officer, presented on the City's Performance Management Policy as adopted by Council, driving towards a Sustainable City of Wellbeing. The presentation summarized the use of outcomes and sub-outcomes to measure work towards Council-set priorities and the use of this data in budgeting.

No formal action was taken.

5. **Report, discussion and possible action on Ad Hoc Committee on Providence Saint John's Development Agreement and other Development Agreements, including review and approval of a draft op-ed submission (Vice-Chair Stedje-Stroud and Commissioner Coleman).**

Commissioner Coleman reviewed the history behind the draft op-ed proposing community benefits to be included as part of the Providence Saint John's Development Agreement. The Commission discussed the goals behind the op-ed and changes to language as proposed by Commissioners Ambriz and Akin.

Commissioner Devermont moved and Commissioner Stoff seconded to approve the op-ed for submission as-amended. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Chair Wechsler, Commissioners Akin, Coleman, Devermont, Parent, Stoff

No: Commissioner Ambriz

Abstain: None

Absent: Vice Chair Stedje-Stroud, Commissioner Barringer

6. **Reports from Ad Hoc Committees and Liaisons**

- A. Ad Hoc Committee on the Canavan Project (Chair Wechsler, Commissioners Parent and Coleman).

Chair Wechsler requested an update from Staff. Staff Liaison Yavari reported that an assessment report is expected during Winter 2020.

- B. Ad Hoc Committee on CDBG Consolidated Plan (Chair Wechsler and Commissioner Coleman).

Chair Wechsler reported that a consultant was selected to conduct a needs assessment. The Ad Hoc will meet with Claire Hester ahead of a presentation scheduled for the February meeting.

- C. Ad Hoc Committee on Reimagining SAMOSHEL (Commissioners Akin, Parent, and Stoff).

Commissioner Akin reported that feasibility study proposals remain under review.

- D. Ad Hoc Committee on the Budget (Chair Wechsler, Vice Chair Stedje-Stroud).

Chair Wechsler requested Staff provide additional information on opportunities for involvement in the budget process at the January meeting.

- E. Ad Hoc Committee on Mental Health (Chair Wechsler, Vice-Chair Stedje-Stroud, and Commissioner Akin).

Commissioner Ambriz was added to the Ad Hoc Committee on Mental Health; Chair Wechsler was removed.

- F. Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness and Substance Abuse (Commissioners Akin, Devermont, and Parent)

The focus of the Ad Hoc Committee has narrowed to addiction and substance abuse and will henceforth be referred to as the Ad Hoc Committee on Addiction and Substance Abuse.

Commissioner Parent reported on the Ad Hoc Committee's proposal to hold a hearing on the topic of methamphetamine, with a goal of putting a spotlight on the problem; educating selves and community on best practices in terms of awareness, diversion, and treatment; and to recommend a course of action and/or endorsement of related initiatives in relation to the next cycle of the Human Services Grants Program.

- G. Liaison Report on Homelessness Steering Committee (Commissioner Parent).

Commissioner Parent reported that the City continues to evaluate their role in the new Homeless Action Network and deferred to Commissioner Stoff to provide an update on continued volunteerism efforts.

H. Liaison Report on Early Childhood Task Force.

Chair Wechsler reported that a liaison is still needed for the Early Childhood Task Force.

I. Liaison Report on Santa Monica Cradle to Career (SMC2C) (Chair Wechsler).

Chair Wechsler requested an update from Staff. Staff Liaison Yavari reported that the last meeting covered two topics, community schools and a school district budget deficit.

J. Liaison Report on Relevant California Legislation (Vice Chair Stedger-Stroud).

There was no report.

7. **Future Agenda Planning**

Chair Wechsler requested Commission input on revisiting the topic of public mediation and determined the topic does not fall within the purview of the Commission.

Following discussion, tentative additions to future agendas include a presentation from Staff on the budget process for the upcoming fiscal year (January), a hearing on the topic of methamphetamine (February) and a presentation on Library services in relation to social services (March).

8. **Adjournment**

Chair Wechsler adjourned the meeting at 9:07PM.

ATTACHMENT

Item 6. Update and possible action on the op-ed submission written by the Ad Hoc Committee on Providence Saint John's Development Agreement and other Development Agreements, as approved on December 16.

-- Op-ed, as revised and approved on December 16

Draft Op-Ed by Ad Hoc Committee on Providence Saint John's Development Agreement

Edited as discussed at 12/16/19 SSC Meeting

Santa Monica is currently working through a homelessness crisis that has touched almost every corner of our City and County. Our social service institutions are struggling to ramp up services to care for those with mental illness, drug abuse, or simply house those who due to skyrocketing rent, have been displaced.

The Social Services Commission recognizes the compassion Santa Monica residents have shown during this crisis. New County taxes have been passed to build more housing and exponentially expand social services to help those experiencing homelessness and/or mental illness to overcome their circumstances.

We need more psychiatric beds. According to leading mental health experts, the minimum number of beds required to appropriately meet the need is 50 public mental health beds per 100,000 individuals. In Los Angeles County, there are only 22.7 beds per 100,000 individuals, in Santa Monica, with a population of just under 100,000; we have ZERO.

Yet, we have a unique opportunity right now to collaborate with a Santa Monica institution that has a long history of community service. Providence St. John's Medical Center is currently working through a 20-year expansion plan that will allow Providence St. John's to provide better regional service to the entire Westside of Los Angeles.

As part of this expansion plan, Providence St. John's will be working with the City of Santa Monica to craft a Development Agreement that provides the City with long-term benefits. The Social Services Commission wants to ensure that Santa Monica residents, who will be directly affected by construction, traffic, and displacement; receive the community benefits of the development agreement. While we understand that the Medical Center will be a regional resource; the expansion pains will be felt exclusively locally.

We have some recommendations for the City of Santa Monica and Providence St. Johns to ensure we tackle our existing community needs:

First, the City of Santa Monica currently has zero psychiatric beds. As a community benefit to those experiencing homelessness and/or mental illness, we request Providence St. John's Medical Center have 50 psychiatric beds on-site by the end of the 20-year expansion, but with 10 psychiatric beds within the first three years of the expansion. This is massive unmet need in not just the City of Santa Monica, but the entire County of Los Angeles.

Second, we request Providence St. John's Health Center directly fund and expand the Preserve Our Diversity program that keeps low-income seniors at risk of losing their housing in their homes and off our streets. Preventing new people from losing their housing is vital to reducing our homelessness that has reached crisis levels.

Third, we would like Providence St. John's Medical Center to provide and staff a monthly mobile van to do health screenings for individuals experiencing homelessness (for example typhus screenings and treatment).

Draft Op-Ed by Ad Hoc Committee on Providence Saint John's Development Agreement

Edited as discussed at 12/16/19 SSC Meeting

Fourth, the Commission appreciates the dedication to a homeless navigator, however we would like Providence St. John's to add 24-hour social workers in the emergency room to work with multiple needs such as homelessness and victims of crime.

Fifth, we request a minimum of one third of the slots at the new daycare center for Santa Monica residents who are not employed by Providence St. John's but low-income.

Sixth, we request family planning counseling for Santa Monica high school students.

Seventh, we request bi-monthly health clinics for Santa Monica College students who are experiencing homelessness or are nutritionally compromised.

Eighth, we request that the new conference center be available at least four times a month for community groups to use for free.

Finally, we ask Providence St. John's Medical Center to offer wellness programs such as one for children to combat obesity and diabetes and other targeted age groups such as certificates for youth participating in sports programs.

We need all our institutions to help solve this homelessness crisis and better meet the behavioral health needs of the whole community. Only together, can we get people off our streets and back on their feet. The burden must not just be taxpayers but every institution in our great city. We strongly urge the City of Santa Monica and Providence St. John's Health Center to make psychiatric beds a necessary priority within the development agreement.