

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 2, 2019**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Judy Drotman, Chair  
Kimberly O'Neil, Vice Chair  
Karen Bellessa  
Johnny Tseng  
Donna Straker  
Salim Virani

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Cynthia Moore  
Kate R. Garrison

**STAFF PRESENT**

Shanette Eaden, Housing and Community Services Manager  
Chaniece Small, Housing and Community Services Coordinator  
Yoko Mizuta, Sr. Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Drotman in Building Inspections Training Room, 1520 K Avenue at 5:32 PM, Thursday, May 2, 2019. A quorum was present.

**COMMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

There were no public comments.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

Chair Drotman gave an overview of the role of the Community Relations Commission and the grant hearing process.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3A**

**ONE PROGRAM SUPPORT APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF JOURNEY OF HOPE GRIEF SUPPORT CENTER**

One Program Support Application for \$27,090 from Journey of Hope Grief Support Center. Kerri Newman and Lara Korba presented an overview of the program. The presenters used two minutes to address staff evaluations. The Commissioners asked questions of the applicant regarding the application details and program, and there was much discussion.

Vice Chair Kimberly O'Neil arrived late at 5:37 PM.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3B**

**ONE PROGRAM SUPPORT APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF AGAPE RESOURCE & ASSISTANCE CENTER, INC**

One Program Support Application for \$110,000 from Agape Resource & Assistance Center, Inc. Janet Collinsworth presented an overview of the program. The presenter used two minutes to address staff evaluations. The Commissioners asked questions of the applicant regarding the application details and program, and there was much discussion.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3C**

**ONE PROGRAM SUPPORT APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF PLANO COMMUNITY HOME SPONSOR INC.**

One Program Support Application for \$85,626 from Plano Community Home Sponsor, Inc. Rhoda Byers and Rogue Christensen presented an overview of the program. The presenters used two minutes to address staff evaluations. The Commissioners asked questions of the applicant regarding the application details and program, and there was much discussion.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3D**

**ONE PROGRAM SUPPORT APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COLLIN COUNTY**

One Program Support Application for \$60,000 from Habitat for Humanity of Collin County was withdrawn.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3E**

**ONE PROGRAM SUPPORT APPLICATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF CITY OF PLANO - FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

One Program Support Application for \$162,500 from City of Plano - First Time Homebuyers Assistance and Educational Program. Nopawn Austin presented an overview of the program. The presenter declined using two minutes to address staff evaluations. The Commissioners asked questions of the applicant regarding the application details and program, and there was much discussion.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Vice Chair O'Neil suggested that City of Plano staff should not apply for their grant funded programs. Rather, Staff should provide program updates during the grant hearing.

Commissioner Karen Bellessa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair O'Neil seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. Chair Drotman adjourned the meeting at 6:51 PM.

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Community Relations Commissioner