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**ADOPTED MINUTES  
SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY FACILITY COMMISSION  
Wednesday, January 22, 2025  
6:00 P.M.**

1. **Land Acknowledgement:** *Chair Fromer* read the Land Acknowledgement.
2. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** *Chair Fromer* called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and staff called roll.  
**Present:** *Chung, Fromer, Posey, Tran*  
**Excused:** *Mezie*
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** October 23, 2024  
**Moved:** *Tran* **Second:** *Posey*  
**Ayes:** *Chung, Posey, Tran*  
**Abstained:** *Fromer*  
The minutes for October 23 were adopted.

4. **General Public Comment:** None.

**Daniel L. Lurie**  
Mayor

5. **Report of the Chair:** (*Fromer*)  
The item was moved forward.

**Dr. Gina Fromer**  
Chair

**Public Comment:** None.

**Vacant**  
Vice-Chair

6. **Resident Partner Quarterly Reports Q1 & Q2:**  
Charity Cultural Services Center (CCSC):

**Karen Chung**  
Commissioner

– Phyu Aung, Interim Program Director of CCSC, a non-profit organization that has been providing services for underserved communities in San Francisco since 1984 with vocational training, case management, job placement and job retention for adults, along with leadership and academic programs for students under 18.

**Chika Mezie**  
Commissioner

Ms. Aung provided an overview of the CityBuild Academy, a 12-week pre-apprenticeship training program through City College that teaches and trains San Francisco residents on a number of construction trades through intensive hands-on training.

**Damien Posey**  
Commissioner

**Vacant**  
Commissioner

Quarter 1 – 21 of the 51 program participants were from District 10.  
Quarter 2 – 16 of the 57 program participants were from District 10.

**Marlene Tran**  
Commissioner

Their 2025 program priorities are to encourage more women and residents of District 10 to join the program because it is a valuable goal that can lead to greater diversity in the workforce.

**Emily Pharr**  
Executive Director

**Questions and Comments from Commissioners:**

- How many trainees receive job placements?
- Are the jobs union or private?
- What are the qualifications for students?
- Is there a stipend?
- Culinary training is also available. What outreach methods are used?
- CCSC should consider using the NextDoor app and local media.

**Carla Vaughn**  
Commission Secretary



Staff responses:

- 80 – 90% of trainees receive job placement.
- The jobs are primarily union.
- Applicants for trainee must be a San Francisco resident 18 or older and have a high school diploma.
- There is a stipend of \$400 a month
- Outreach is done through tabling at neighborhood events and
- Childcare support is offered.

Public Comment: None.

Edgewood Family Resource Center:

- Cynthia Green, Director of Family Support Programs introduced the Attentive Parenting Program curriculum, a group that helps parents learn about the importance of play and creating an interactive relationship with their children. This contributes to parent well-being by reducing stress, strengthening social bonds, and provides an outlet for parents to share the highs and lows of parenting. The Edgewood Family Resource Center was established in 1999.

Quarter 1 & Quarter 2 served 228 families in the District 10 community.

The Edgewood Family Resource Center 2025 program priorities are to celebrate Week of the young Child in April, and to increase community awareness about the Parent Child Interactive Groups and the positive impact on early literacy, and parent child bonding.

Ms. Green announced there will be a Black History Month celebration next month and it will include a graduation of the “Effective Black Parenting Class”. She advised the organization would be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year as a Family Resource Center. She introduced a website iKinship.org where more resources can be found.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners:

- Are any services being provided regarding mental health?
- Are counseling services provided in a group format or for individuals?
- Commissioners congratulated the organization for 25 years of service and asked what provisions were provided to direct non-English speakers to the correct program because there was no indication on the flyer that had been provided.

Staff responses:

- Adult mental health services have recently started at the Resource Center.
- Individual counseling services are provided for adults as well as group therapy run by a licensed clinician who is bilingual in English and Spanish.
- The Edgewood Family Resource Center has an office at 1550 Evans and also across the street in the Bayview Plaza.
- Staff indicated steps were being taken to ensure individuals were directed to the correct program area and the team will be notified to provide more information on the flyer.

Public Comment: None.

Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center:

- Sharon Miller, CEO announced Renaissance was in its 40<sup>th</sup> year of developing small businesses in San Francisco. In 2001 they launched the Bayview Center which provides comprehensive business support services including technical assistance, business and industry-specific training, consulting, mentoring, peer support, networking, access to capital and opportunities to aspiring and emerging entrepreneurs in the Southeast Community. Ms. Miller highlighted a recent Bayview event “Taste of Bayview” which focused on increasing the visibility of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street corridor restaurant businesses. Over 120 guests were treated to the foods of 6 local vendors – Radio Afrika, Old School Café, Gumbo Social, Soo Fong, La Laguna, and Hungry Café. The event was well received and resulted in a lot of media coverage.

Ms. Miller shared the Quarter 1 – Quarter 2 impacts where 55 participants were served and 52 of those participants were from District 10. Classes, workshops, networking events, and in person and on-line consulting were provided. She shared examples of people who were able to create financial independence for themselves and their families.

One person had a trucking company and started a school that operates in San Quentin providing help to incarcerated people so when they leave the system they have a truck driver's license and can access opportunities to have a career.

The 2025 program priorities are:

- Bring more exposure to the businesses on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Corridor
- Create policies that advance under-resourced entrepreneurs and small businesses
- Provide access to capital
- Remove systemic barriers to economic mobility

Moving forward Ms. Miller advised there will be a technology partnership where laptops will be provided along with training to help the businesses navigate the technology highway. This year's Black Renaissance cohort will be launched. A Pitch Contest similar to Shark Tank will take place in June or August 2025 and the Taste of Bayview Campaign will launch again.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners:

- The Commissioners thanked Ms. Miller for the presentation and noted the 3 presentations were related, however the average person may not be aware of the wonderful work that is being done. They said there needs to be more outreach and suggested using an electronic billboard to reach and recruit people in several languages.
- The Commissioners also inquired as to whether the Renaissance program had a 501©3 status?
- There was a discussion regarding providing a discounted rate for the Taste of Bayview so community members could participate.
- Commissioner Tran mentioned she was working with Supervisor Walton, Kelly & Ken McCourt to turn Visitacion Valley into a commercial corridor

Staff responses:

- Renaissance has a 501©3 and is available to receive donations.
- The Taste of Bayview event is underwritten by Renaissance and the restaurants that participate were compensated for their food. There was no charge to the attendees.

Jenny Wong, Renaissance Program Director mentioned Lena Mills, owner of Creative Ideas Catering. Ms. Mills worked with Renaissance and was able to purchase her own building on Leland Avenue.

Chair Fromer expressed pride in the agencies that are located at the Center and noted they are doing great things in the community. She said the numbers and the diversity look good. She noted the quantitative and qualitative data are impressive and she thanked the presenters for their reports.

Public Comment: None.

Chair Fromer returned to Item #5

**5. Report of the Chair: (Fromer)**

Chair Fromer reported the Center needs the opinion of the community this year. She said the Southeast Center is committed more than ever to serve the community. In an effort to launch exciting new programs, enhance existing services, and create more opportunities for collaboration and engagement a community survey has been created. There is a QR code in the Southeast Community Center Newsletter. It is currently being translated and once the translation is completed it will be forwarded to the community. Everyone is encouraged to distribute it widely to their networks.

**7. SECFC Executive Director's Report (discussion only) (Pharr)**

Executive Director Pharr reported the survey was sent in the newsletter last week. There is no specific expiration date, and the survey will continue to run until further notice. The survey is being translated in an effort to reach a broader audience. This will help staff understand what the community's expectations are around events and programming.

Executive Director Pharr reported the Water Intrusion Report was received this morning and she will be working with the Facilities Manager to determine the source of the water and then develop a repair plan.

Executive Director Pharr said replacement lighting had been ordered for the sculpture and the Arts and Education Manager is putting pressure on the contractor to provide the lighting as soon as possible. Once the lighting is in place the sculpture will be reflected in the way the artist originally intended it to be.

Executive Director Pharr advised the schedule for window washing at the Center was once every 6 months. They will be cleaned again in March or April and the Facilities Manager will handle the details.

Regarding reservations Executive Director Pharr said the system is being audited to provide accurate numbers. Rashida Washington has been helping to analyze the program and system from the data driven analysis perspective and the numbers will be provided when they are available.

Executive Director Pharr advised the safety and security of the building is always taken seriously and individuals that have harassed security staff have been issued a temporary restraining order. The next steps will be to obtain a court date and a permanent restraining order can be issued at that time. She advised staff is working with SFPUC leadership around security issues.

Last but not least Executive Director Pharr announced recruitment for Elise Washington's previous role (1820) is currently halted due to the hiring freeze. However, Executive Director Pharr said we know individuals want to work at the Center and we need the support. Since we have no knowledge as to when the freeze will be lifted that position as well as the 9920 positions are on hold. On a brighter note the 1822 positions were able to move forward and two individuals will be joining our team the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February. One will be responsible for running the reservation system and the other will provide support for programs, outreach, and engagement. Both are native San Franciscans, and they are looking forward to joining our team.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners:

Chair Fromer said budget information had not been provided to the Commission since coming to 1550 Evans. She expressed an interest in knowing how much money was coming in and how much was being reinvested back into the community. She noted the Commission had not been invited to provide feedback and she requested an update.

Commissioner Tran requested information regarding the recruitment of more Commissioners.

- Executive Director Pharr advised she would provide more information regarding the budget at an upcoming meeting.
- Executive Director Pharr said a meeting was scheduled with the SFPUC Government Affairs individual and talks were ongoing with Ken McCourt regarding his interest to serve on the Commission.

Chair Fromer advised that she was working with staff to recruit new Commissioners and she hoped the new administration would provide new members soon.

Public Comment: None.

**8. Future Agenda Items Initiated by Commissioners (discussion only)**

Commissioners asked if there were plans to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

Commissioners would like more information regarding the budget.  
Commissioner Tran requested an update from City College regarding ESL classes.

Questions and Comments from Commissioners:

None.

Public Comment: None.

9. **Announcements**

Chair Fromer announced the Overdose Prevention Summit on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Main Library.

Public Comment: None.

10. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

The next meeting of the Southeast Community Facility Commission will be Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

Carla Vaughn, Commission Secretary