

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
January 10, 2018**

**INTRODUCTORY PROCEDURES**

Chairperson James Manuel called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Haydee Becerra.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of those who lost their lives as a result of the recent floods and fires.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chairperson James Manuel, Vice Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel and Committee Members Maria De Lourdes Castillo, Fabiola Inzunza, Susan F. Janer, Virginia Johnson, Angelica Martinez, Michelle Montes, Miguel Morales, Maritza Romero, and Anthony Zepeda (11/15)

**Late Arrivals:** None

**Excused Absence:** Committee Member John Salas (1/15)

**Unexcused Absence:** Committee Members Juliano A. Jarquin, Benigno Nunuz and Jimmy Torres (3/15)

**Staff:** Abel Torres, Housing and Grants Analyst and Haydee Becerra, Management Analyst

**AGENDA ITEM(S)**

**1. MINUTES**

Chairperson James Manuel made a motion and Vice Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel seconded, to approve the minutes for the meeting of October 18, 2017 after corrections regarding the spelling of names have been made. The motion carried (11-0) to approve the minutes for the meeting of October 18, 2017 after corrections regarding the spelling of names have been made.

Committee Member Virginia Johnson raised a concern regarding funding for the Code Enforcement Program. Haydee Becerra explained that the issues had to do with HUD saying the city did not have a definition for “deteriorated and deteriorating” areas within the city. The City has taken steps to address this concern and the City Council has approved the City’s definition.

**2. DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY 2018-19  
APPLICATION PACKETS**

Chairperson James Manuel informed the committee that they now have the 2018-19 CDBG application packets and they have two weeks to review them and prepare for the presentations.

Committee Member Virginia Johnson also raised a concern regarding the new consultant, Avant Garde, and whether or not they would be making any changes to the CAC process. Haydee Becerra informed the committee that it was unlikely any changes would be made in the near future, but we could not say for sure whether changes could come thereafter. Ms. Becerra further informed the committee that we will provide them with an update on any changes that will impact the committee or their responsibilities.

### **3. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC SERVICE PRIORITY NEED LIST AND ACTION PLAN**

Committee Members were advised of the need to take the Public Service Priority Need List into consideration for funding recommendation. The list creates categories and sets public services projects into high priority, medium priority, and low priority based on a community needs survey.

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Audience Comments:** None

**Staff Comments:** Abel Torres informed the committee about the need to complete ethics training as soon as possible and to maintain this requirement every two years.

**Citizens Advisory Committee:**

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Citizens Advisory Committee, the time being 6:53 p.m., Vice Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel moved, Committee Member Virginia Johnson seconded and the motion carried (11-0) to adjourn.

Respectfully,

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Vivian M. Garcia, Secretary  
Citizens Advisory Committee

APPROVED:

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James Manuel, Chairperson  
Citizens Advisory Committee