

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 31, 2018**

INTRODUCTORY PROCEDURES

Chairperson James Manuel called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Julianio A. Jarquin.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused Absence: Anthony Zepeda

Unexcused Absence: Committee Members Benigno (Benny) Nunez, John Salas and Jimmy Torres (3/15)

Staff: Vivian Garcia, Housing Administrator, Haydee Becerra, Management Analyst and Abel Torres, Recording Secretary

AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. MINUTES

Committee Member Fabiola Inzunza made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of January 24, 2018, with corrections to the date and Committee Member Maria De Lourdes Castillo seconded, and the motion carried (11-0).

**2. PRESENTATIONS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY 2018-19
PUBLIC SERVICES**

Lost Angels Program:

Fabian Valencia presented the Lost Angels Spiritual Psychological Aid Program. This program proposes to benefit approximately 460 low-income individuals to empower and enrich their lives through music and art. Lost Angels is seeking \$10,000.

Compatior:

Compatior was unable to present their program at tonight's meeting. Committee Members were advised that they should consider funding for Compatior based upon Compatior's application.

Salvation Army Bell Shelter:

Alma Martinez presented the Salvation Army Bell Shelter proposal. This program will continue to provide temporary shelter and client-centered supportive services for eligible participants for up to 90 days. Supportive services include comprehensive needs assessment, individualized case management, benefits advocacy, transportation services, employment services and health and mental health referrals. The Bell Shelter is requesting \$40,000 to provide five (5) beds exclusively for South Gate residents. This will provide assistance to 20 individuals during the course of a year.

Helpline Youth Counseling (HYC):

Cristina Ramirez presented the Helpline Youth Counseling Homelessness Prevention Program. HYC proposes to assist 25 low-income households who are at risk of experiencing homelessness to achieve and maintain housing stability. The strategy includes making rental payments, providing utility deposits and first month's deposit. HYC is requesting \$40,000 of which a portion will cover case management, client intake assessment and counseling.

Tweedy Mile Association:

Laverne Bates presented the Tweedy Mile Window and Door Repair Program. This program seeks to continue assisting small business owners along Tweedy Boulevard in repairing broken windows and damaged front doors. Tweedy Mile is requesting \$60,000 to assist 15 eligible businesses.

HUB Cities South Gate Business Program:

Carol Xochimitl and Carmen Arce presented the HUB Cities South Gate Business Program. HUB Cities proposes to assist businesses within South Gate as well as residents by gathering data necessary to identify the economic needs. HUB Cities will conduct an in-depth business needs assessment (BNA) with ten (10) employers, facilitate three (3) business workshops and provide job search services to five (5) South Gate residents. HUB Cities is requesting \$25,000.

Southern California Resource Services (SCRS):

Ana Ramirez and Sergio Ponce presented the Southern California Resource Services (SCRS) Program. SCRS proposes to continue assisting disabled, low-income South Gate residents with assistive technology equipment and home modifications. Home modifications include such things as widening doorways, lowering counter tops and installing wheelchair ramps. Equipment includes items such as walkers, wheelchairs and shower seats. SCRS is requesting \$7,000 and can assist 14 participants.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

Audience Comments: None

City Staff Comments: Vivian Garcia provided information on three (3) additional programs seeking CDBG funding that are not part of the committee members' packets. They are: \$24,000 for Fair Housing which is required by HUD. The Fair Housing Foundation of Long Beach has been working with the city for over twenty (20) years. They respond to questions from tenants and landlords free of charge and handle legal matters when necessary. Fair Housing is requesting \$24,000 which has not been increased; \$100,000 for Program Delivery which helps fund the City's Homeowner Rehabilitation Program. The Homeowner Rehabilitation Program is funded by the HOME Program, but there is insufficient funding to pay for consultant time and staff time, so HUD allows jurisdictions to use CDBG funds to pay for eligible staff costs associated with carrying out this program; and \$100,000 for the joint venture program with the Southern California Gas Company. This program was brought to the city's attention last year when Gas Co officials met with our City Manager. This is a pilot program to remove "barriers" encountered in the field when gas company contractors are attempting to install energy efficiency components such as water heaters and furnaces. Current Gas Co funding does not allow for the removal of barriers such as asbestos or installation of housing for a new water heater that needs to be relocated outside. So the Gas Co is prohibited from assisting this household. This funding will provide the necessary dollars to address the removal of the barriers. This way, the Gas Co can install energy efficient components, thereby reducing the homeowner's energy bill. These funds will assist approximately 100 households.

Citizens Advisory Committee: None

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Citizens Advisory Committee, the time being 7:35 p.m., Chairperson

James Manuel moved to adjourn, Vice Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel seconded and the motion carried (11-0) to adjourn.

Respectfully,

Vivian M. Garcia, Secretary
Citizens Advisory Committee

APPROVED:

James Manuel, Chairperson
Citizens Advisory Committee