

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 23, 2019**

INTRODUCTORY PROCEDURES

Chairperson James Manuel called the meeting to order at 6:34 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, Candice Esquivel, Arely Garcia, Yodit Glaze, Leah Hernandez, Fabiola Inzunza, Julianio A. Jarquin, Virginia Johnson, Jovanna Laborin, Angelica Martinez, and Maritza Romero (13/20)

Excused Absence: Committee Members Michelle Montes, Miguel Morales, and Benigno (Benny) Nunez 3/20

Unexcused Absence: Committee Members, Susan F. Janer, John Salas, Jimmy Torres and Anthony Zepeda (4/20)

Staff: Joe Perez, Community Development Director and Vivian Garcia, Housing Administrator

AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. MINUTES

Item 1 - Vice Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of January 9, 2019, and Committee Member Arely Garcia seconded, and the motion carried (13-0).

2. PRESENTATIONS

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY 2019-20
NON-PUBLIC SERVICES**

Joe Perez addressed the Committee Members by providing a brief overview of the funding allocation breakdown between non-public service projects and public service projects. Mr. Perez emphasized the importance of the Citizens Advisory Committee providing recommendations on non-public service and public service projects to City Council.

Parks and Recreation Fence Restoration and Replacement Project

Paul Adams, Director of Parks & Recreation presented on park fence restoration and replacement. Due to the age of current fencing, the quality has begun to deteriorate and many areas need repair and replacement. The replaced fencing will add safety and security for park patrons and participants. If funds are provided during this fiscal year, it will be used to pay for approximately half of the current park fencing. Funds will be used to replace and repair fencing on areas such as: baseball diamonds and tennis courts. This project is requesting \$850,000.

Community Development, Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Supervisor, Ramona Trejo, presented the Code Enforcement program proposal. This program will continue to provide pro-active and re-active response to complaints submitted by residents as well as those found on routine patrol. Supervisor Trejo provided examples of common code violations received and observed and provided some examples of accomplishments. Code Enforcement has a new fleet of fuel efficient Ford Fusions provided by AQMD funds. Code Enforcement is requesting \$375,000.

Public Works, Sidewalk Improvement Project, Phase VII:

Clint Herrera, Assistant City Engineer, appeared before the committee members and informed them that Public Works has withdrawn its request for funding for the 2019-20 program year.

Public Works, Graffiti Abatement:

Osie Harrell, Public Works Superintendent, presented the Graffiti Abatement program proposal. The program will continue to operate in CDBG eligible low and moderate income service areas (19 census tracts) throughout the City to remove graffiti from residences, businesses, sidewalks, signs, poles, and walls, thereby reducing blight. The demand of graffiti removal has increased due to the increase in CDBG census tracts and due to an increase in gang activity. Graffiti program representatives are working closely with Code Enforcement and South Gate Police Department in creating a strategic plan and discourage the tagging in certain areas. Grant funds requested - \$140,000 - will be used to purchase equipment, material and personnel costs. This program is requesting \$140,000.

Commercial Façade Improvement Program:

Dianne Guevara, Management Analyst, presented the Commercial Façade Improvement Program. The Commercial Façade Improvement Program proposes to assist at least three (3) local businesses with up to \$40,000 (\$120,000 total) for exterior improvements such as paint, windows and signage. A requirement for this project is for each participant (property owner) to contribute \$6,000 towards the project. This project serves to beautify the business area and to attract consumers to shop and dine in the area. This opportunity is available to small businesses throughout the eligible census tract, including Hollydale area. Commercial Façade is requesting \$300,000.

Police Department, Family Violence Prevention & Education Program:

Laura Maldonado, Program Coordinator, presented the Family Violence Prevention & Education Program. Laura Maldonado emphasized on the support provided to the domestic violence victims; the support may be provided during urgent matters, for court purpose(s), or as motivation for personal stability and becoming self-sufficient. A domestic violence survivor, Maria Guerra, presented the importance of participating in this group. Grant funds will be used to pay for the empowerment sessions with a focus on resolving trauma symptoms, workshops addressing psychological symptoms, and cell phone usage of office staff. The program is requesting \$10,000.

Police Department, Police Explorers:

Sgt. Evelyn Garcia presented the South Gate Police Explorers Program. The Police Explorers program continues to provide training and orientation to young persons, ages 14 to 21, interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. Police Explorers are used as a supplement to sworn personnel in non-hazardous situations and events. They perform duties such as traffic control, community patrol and assist customers at the Police Department. Volunteers must be attending high school or college and must maintain a grade point average of 2.5. Sgt. Garcia provided information on costs of the equipment used by police explores. Grant funds will be used to pay for uniforms, safety equipment and training/competition events. The Police Explorers program is requesting \$7,000.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

Audience Comments: None

Citizens Advisory Committee: Committee Member Virginia Johnson mentioned that Officer Jim Teeple is listed as a lieutenant in the application and he is actually a captain. It should be noted that the application was prepared by the police department.

Committee Member Fabiola Inzunza mentioned that the CAC Agenda was posted on the City's website on January 23, 2019, and should have been posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Mr. Perez informed the committee that he will review the matter and make sure that postings are completed in a timely manner in the future.

Committee Member Juliano Jarquin informed the committee that the Homeless Count was being held that evening beginning at 8:00 p.m., in the South Gate Senior Center.

Committee Member Jovanna Laborin stated that she does not receive email notifications from staff regarding CAC meetings. Ms. Laborin stated that she confirmed we do have her correct email. Mr. Perez stated that she should make sure staff has her correct email, and further informed the committee of the upcoming meeting dates.

City Staff Comments: Mr. Perez made the committee members aware of several events that were coming up as follows:

Career Expo -	January 31	10 – noon	SG Park Auditorium
Metro Update -	February 2	10 – noon	South Gate Girls Clubhouse
Parking Study -	January 30	6:30	during CAC meeting
Specific Plan	February 12	6:30	City Council meeting

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Citizens Advisory Committee, the time being 8:12 p.m., Chairperson James Manuel moved to adjourn, Committee Member Virginia Johnson seconded and the motion carried (13-0) to adjourn.

Respectfully,

Vivian M. Garcia, Secretary
Citizens Advisory Committee

APPROVED:

James Manuel, Chairperson
Citizens Advisory Committee