

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 30, 2019**

INTRODUCTORY PROCEDURES

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maritza Romero.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson James Manuel, Vice Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel, Committee Members Maria De Lourdes Castillo, Candice Esquivel, Arely Garcia, Leah Hernandez, Fabiola Inzunza, Susan F. Janer, Julianio A. Jarquin, Virginia Johnson, Jovanna Laborin, Angelica Martinez, Michelle Montes, Miguel Morales, Benigno Nunez, and Maritza Romero (16/20)

Excused Absence: None

Unexcused Absence: Committee Members Yodit Glaze, John Salas, Jimmy Torres and Anthony Zepeda (4/20)

Staff: Joe Perez, Community Development Director, Vivian Garcia, Housing Administrator and Abel Torres, Recording Secretary

AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of January 23, 2019, and Committee Member Virginia Johnson seconded, and the motion carried (16-0).

**2. PRESENTATIONS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY 2019-20
PUBLIC SERVICES**

Compator:

James Symington, Director of Community Resources, presented for Compator. Compator provides counseling, mentoring and substance use disorder educational services to members of the community. Compator is requesting \$30,000 to assist 60 participants.

Southern California Resource Services (SCRS):

Ana Ramirez 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 \$8,000 and can assist 16 participants.

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 \$80,000 to assist 15 eligible businesses.

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.

Human Element Passage:

Julian A. Jarquin, presented the Human Element Passage program which seeks to build culture, unite groups and collaborate through use of drums. This program proposes to assist between 576 and 864 participants and is requesting \$1,040.

At 7:34 p.m., Vice Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel excused herself and departed the Council Chambers.

3. Public Works Citywide Parking Study

Arturo Cervantes, Assistant City Manager and Director of Public Works, presented the Parking Study to the Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Cervantes touched on such things as the high number of vehicles in the city, and how the City Council desires to address the short term, mid-term and long term concerns regarding parking. Mr. Cervantes discussed how needs differ widely in different parts of the city, so that a solution in one area may not be suitable for other areas of the city.

The City's traffic consultant discussed some of the causes of the parking issues in the city such as high population density, high number of residents that are "automotive dependent" and the lack of having alternative transportation choices. Additionally, certain behavioral patterns exhibited by residents such as repairing vehicles on public streets added to parking issues.

Several questions were raised and suggestions made by the committee members to which Mr. Cervantes responded.

Mr. Cervantes informed the committee members that he will capture feedback and suggestions from the various parking study meetings and present them to the City Council for review and consideration.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

Audience Comments: None

Chairperson James Manuel mentioned that he will not be present at the February 6, 2019 CAC meeting due to a death in the family.

City Staff Comments: Joe Perez informed the committee members of the following events:

- Chamber of Commerce Career Expo - Thursday January 31, 10 am to noon South Gate Park Auditorium
- Metro Community update West Santa Ana Branch Light Rail "ECO-RAPID" - Sat, Feb 2, 10 am to noon South Gate Girl's Clubhouse

- Proposed Tweedy Mile Specific Plan - Feb 12, regular City Council meeting

Citizens Advisory Committee Comments: Fabiola Inzunza asked about a committee member who is requesting funding for a project. Mr. Perez responded to the question by explaining that the committee member will recuse himself during the deliberation for the Public Service funding pool but can participate in deliberations regarding the Non-public Service requests.

Chairperson James Manuel reminded the committee members to submit their 700 Form and Ethics Training, and the importance of attending all CAC meetings.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Citizens Advisory Committee, the time being 8:23 p.m., Chairperson James Manuel moved to adjourn, Committee Member Angelica Martinez seconded and the motion carried (15-0) to adjourn.

Respectfully,

Vivian M. Garcia, Secretary
Citizens Advisory Committee

APPROVED:

Cyndi Esquivel, Vice Chairperson
Citizens Advisory Committee