

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
February 6, 2019**

**INTRODUCTORY PROCEDURES**

Vice Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Committee Member Anthony Zepeda.

**Compensation Disclosure:** Abel Torres provided information on compensation for each meeting - \$25.00

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Vice Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel, Committee Members, Maria De Lourdes Castillo, Arely Garcia, Fabiola Inzunza, Susan F. Janer, Julian A. Jarquin, Virginia Johnson, Jovanna Laborin, Angelica Martinez, Miguel Morales, Benigno Nunez, and Anthony Zepeda (12/20).

**Late Arrivals:** Maritza Romero

**Excused Absence:** Committee Members Chairperson James Manuel, Candice Esquivel, Yodit Glaze, and Michelle Montes (4/20).

**Unexcused Absence:** Committee Members Leah Hernandez, John Salas, and Jimmy Torres (4/20).

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

**AGENDA ITEM(S)**

**1. MINUTES**

Committee Member Angelica Martinez moved and Committee Member Anthony Zepeda seconded and the motion passed (12-0) on an amended motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of January 30, 2019, with the correction that Committee Members Arely Garcia and Candice Esquivel were present.

**2. DISCUSSION**

**CDBG FY 2019-2020 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL**

Community Development Director, Joe Perez, referred to documents which were handed to each committee member explaining the funding sources and amounts to be considered for this year's total allocations.

At 6:38 p.m., Maritza Romero joined the meeting in progress.

Committee Member Virginia Johnson commented that staff's recommendations are the full amount of \$910,000 for non- public service projects and \$210,000 for public service projects. Committee Member Johnson also pointed out that the sidewalk improvement project request has been withdrawn.

Vice-Chairperson, Cyndi Esquivel, made a suggestion to start with the non-public service requests and called for discussions. Committee Member, Virginia Johnson, stated she was pleased with staff's recommendations and moved to approve staff's recommendations as follows:

Code Enforcement	\$375,000
Commercial Façade Imp.	\$200,000
S.G. Park Fence Repair	\$275,000
Tweedy Mile Association	\$ 60,000

Committee Member, Maria De Lourdes Castillo, seconded and discussions followed.

Committee Member Angelica Martinez, raised a concern regarding the Commercial Façade Improvement request. Vice-Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel, requested a roll call vote:

	<u><b>Yes</b></u>	<u><b>No</b></u>	<u><b>Abstain</b></u>
Vice-Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel		No	
Committee Members Maria De Lourdes Castillo	Yes		
Arely Garcia		No	
Fabiola Inzunza	Yes		
Susan F, Janer			Abstain
Juliano A. Jarguin	Yes		
Virginia Johnson	Yes		
Jovanna Laborin		No	
Angelica Martinez		No	
Miguel Morales	Yes		
Benigo Nunez	Yes		
Maritza Romero	Yes		
Anthony Zepeda		No	

7 Yeses, 5 Nos, one Abstention - the motion carries.

Committee Member, Virginia Johnson, counted 8 yeses, but will review the meeting minutes at the August 28 meeting.

At 6:45 p.m., Committee Member, Juliano A. Jarquin recused himself from participation in any further meeting discussions due to a potential conflict of interest.

### **Family Violence Prevention and Education**

Vice-Chairperson, Cyndi Esquivel, continued on to the public service category and called for discussion. After some discussion, Committee Member Anthony Zepeda moved and Committee Member Jovanna Laborin seconded to fund the Family Violence Prevention and Education program in the amount of \$10,000. 12 yeses, 0 Nos – the motion carries

### **Police Explorers**

Vice-Chairperson, Cyndi Esquivel, continued on to the Police Explorers program and moved to allocate \$7,000. The motion was seconded by Committee member Jovanna Laborin and carries with 12 yeses and 0 nos.

### **Southern California Rehabilitation Services**

Vice-Chairperson, Cyndi Esquivel, continued on to the Graffiti Abatement program, however, Committee Member, Fabiola Inzunza, moved to allocate \$8,000 to the Southern California Rehabilitation program. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairperson, Cyndi Esquivel and carries with 12 yeses and 0 nos.

### **Graffiti Abatement**

Vice-Chairperson, Cyndi Esquivel, continued on to the Graffiti Abatement program with some discussion. A motion was made by Committee Member, Maria De Lourdes Castillo and seconded by Angelica Martinez to allocate \$140,000. The motion carries with 11 yeses and 1 no.

### **Salvation Army Bell Shelter**

Vice-Chairperson, Cyndi Esquivel, continued on to the Salvation Army Bell Shelter and called for discussion. A motion was made by Committee Member Miguel Morales and seconded by Committee Member Jovanna Laborin to allocate \$22,500 to the Salvation Army Bell Shelter. After some discussion, the motion carries with 12 yeses and 0 nos.

### **Helpline Youth Counseling**

Vice-Chairperson, Cyndi Esquivel, continued on to the Helpline Youth Counseling program and called for discussion. After some discussion, a motion was made by Committee Member, Anthony Zepeda and seconded by Committee Member, Jovanna Laborin to allocate \$22,500 to the Helpline Youth Counseling program. The motion carries with 12 yeses and 0 nos.

At this time - 7:00 p.m., funding allocations are completed and Committee Member Julian A. Jarquin returned.

Committee Member, Fabiola Inzunza, commented that she did not recall seeing staff recommendations listed on previous funding discussions and suggested that staff not provide funding recommendations in the future on public service programs to allow a more independent forum for thought and discussion on those smaller programs. Community Development Director, Joe Perez, clarified the roles and responsibilities of City staff and stated that there are many ways to approach funding allocations. City staff provides recommendations to the CAC similar to how the CAC provides recommendations to the City Council. Each Committee Member can assign any weight or value on staff's recommendations that he or she sees fit.

## **NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

### **3. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Audience Comments:** Claudia Viduris, a business owner on the Tweedy Mile, asked about the coverage of the Tweedy Mile Associations Window and Door Repair program. Joe Perez responded that, generally, the coverage is from Hunt Avenue to Long Beach Boulevard. Committee Member Jovanna Laborin also raised a question regarding business owners west of Long Beach Boulevard that pay an association fee. Joe Perez stated that staff will confer with the Tweedy Mile Association leadership to insure that all businesses within the Tweedy Mile Association and in income-eligible areas are able to participate in the program.

Gregg Martinez, a board member of the Tweedy Mile Association, clarified that portions of the Tweedy Mile (south side of Tweedy Blvd) are actually in the City of Lynwood. Further discussions regarding outreach to businesses ensued and a suggestion was made to assist the most blighted businesses first instead of the first-come-first-served basis under which the program currently operates. Mr. Martinez agreed.

Committee Member, Jovanna Laborin asked Mr. Martinez if anyone can be a part of the Tweedy Mile Association or is it open only to business owners. Mr. Martinez stated that he is not a business owner. Ms.

Laborin further asked if meetings were open to the public, to which Mr. Martinez responded that they were, with exceptions for executive sessions.

**City Staff Comments:** Community Development Director, Joe Perez, thanked the Citizen Advisory Committee Members for their review of applications and deliberations and acknowledged that the City Council values their input and recommendations. Vivian M. Garcia reminded the committee members that staff would notify them when their recommendations will go to the City Council for consideration.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Citizens Advisory Committee, the time being 7:42 p.m., Vice-Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel moved and Committee Member Jovanna Laborin seconded and the motion carried (13-0) to adjourn.

Respectfully,

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Vivian M. Garcia, Secretary  
Citizens Advisory Committee

APPROVED:

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Vice-Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel  
Citizens Advisory Committee