

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 25, 2019**

INTRODUCTORY PROCEDURES

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Committee Member Maritza Romero.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson James Manuel, Vice Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel and Committee Members Maria De Lourdes Castillo, Candice Esquivel, Yodit Glaze, Fabiola Inzunza, Susan F. Janer, Virginia Johnson, Jovanna Laborin, Angelica Martinez, Maritza Romero, and Anthony Zepeda (12/20)

Late Arrivals: None

Excused Absence: Committee Members Michelle Montes (1/20)

Unexcused Absence: Committee Members Arely Garcia, Leah Hernandez, Julian A. Jarquin, Miguel Morales, Benigno Nunez, John Salas, and Jimmy Torres (7/20)

Staff: Joe Perez, Community Development Director, Vivian M. Garcia, Housing Administrator and Abel Torres, Housing and Grants Analyst

AGENDA ITEM(S)

1. MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel moved and Committee Member Candice Esquivel seconded, and the motion carried (12-0), to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of February 6, 2019, with a correction to reflect that Committee Member Maritza Romero was present.

2. SELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Vice Chairperson Cyndi Esquivel re-nominated James Manuel for Chairperson and Committee Member Fabiola Inzunza seconded and the motion carried (12-0), with Committee Members Arely Garcia, Leah Hernandez, Julian A. Jarquin, Miguel Morales, Benigno Nunez, John Salas, Jimmy Torres and Michelle Montes absent, to re-elect James Manuel as Chairperson.

Committee Member Virginia Johnson nominated Cyndi Esquivel for Vice Chairperson and Chairperson James Manuel seconded and the motion carried (12-0), with Committee Members Arely Garcia, Leah Hernandez, Julian A. Jarquin, Miguel Morales, Benigno Nunez, John Salas, Jimmy Torres and Michelle Montes absent, to re-elect Cyndi Esquivel as Vice Chairperson.

3. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR THE FY 2019-20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM.

Community Development Director, Joe Perez, provided a summary and background information regarding the additional \$52,360 in CDBG funding which became available through the 2019-20 HUD funding cycle. After considerable discussion and comments from Parks and Recreation Director, Paul Adams, Committee Member Angelica Martinez moved and Committee Member Anthony Zepeda seconded and Chairperson James Manuel requested a roll call on the motion as follows:

<i>NAME</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>
Chairperson James Manuel	yes	
Vice-chairperson Cyndi Esquivel	yes	
Committee Member Maria De Lourdes Castillo	yes	
Committee Member Candice Esquivel	yes	
Committee Member Yodit Glaze	yes	
Committee Member Fabiola Inzunza	yes	
Committee Member Susan F. Janer	yes	
Committee Member Virginia Johnson	yes	
Committee Member Jovanna Laborin	yes	
Committee Member Angelica Martinez	yes	
Committee Member Maritza Romero	yes	
Committee Member Anthony Zepeda	yes	

The motion carries 12/0 to affirm the City Council's decision to allocate the additional funding to the South Gate Park Fence Repair project.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

Audience Comments: None

Citizens Advisory Committee Comments: Vice-chairperson Cyndi Esquivel announced that a Dia de Los Muertos event will be taking place on November 3 at the park auditorium.

City Staff Comments: Community Development Director, Joe Perez informed the membership that on the previous evening, the City Council approved the Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER). This document provides information to HUD regarding how federal funds for the CDBG and HOME programs were expended and what benefits and accomplishments were had during FY 2018-19. Mr. Perez also stated that the CAPER will be emailed to each member by the following day.

Mr. Perez further informed the membership that Mayor Jorge Morales has vacated his position because he no longer resides in the city, and that Maria Belen Bernal has been selected as Mayor until an election can be held in March 2020. Mr. Perez also explained the process the City Council has taken to fill the vacant position of city council member. All CAC members appointed by Mr. Morales will remain on the committee until such time as new appointments are made.

Abel Torres gave a brief summary of what will be taking place for the FY 2020-21 CDBG program year. A Notice of Funds Available ("NOFA") will be published in late October inviting prospective applicants to submit applications. Application will be due by late November and, thereafter, will be presented to the CAC at its first meeting in January 2020.

Committee Member, Virginia Johnson, asked if the CAC could attend the mandatory meeting that is held for the prospective applicants. Housing Administrator, Vivian Garcia stated that the meeting is intended to inform the potential sub-recipients of HUD's rules, regulations and responsibilities. She said that there was no need for CAC membership to attend, but that they were not prohibited from attending.

Committee Member, Fabiola Inzunza asked what other steps the City takes to announce the NOFA. Ms. Garcia stated that we publish the announcement in the newspaper, on the City's website and on other social media platforms.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Citizens Advisory Committee, the time being 7:20 p.m., Chairperson James Manuel moved, and Committee Member Candice Esquivel seconded and the motion carried (12-0) to adjourn to January 8, 2020.

Respectfully,

Vivian M. Garcia, Secretary
Citizens Advisory Committee

APPROVED:

James Manuel, Chairperson
Citizens Advisory Committee