

MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Community Meeting Center, 'B' Room
11300 Stanford Avenue

Monday, February 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIR BRIETIGAM
VICE CHAIR MCINTOSH
COMMISSIONER BLACKMUN
COMMISSIONER CONSTANTINO
COMMISSIONER PHAM
COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ

Absent: Blackmun, Constantino

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Wilson, Neighborhood Improvement Manager; Nida Watkins, Project Manager; Jimmy Nguyen, Program Specialist; Judith Moore, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice Chair McIntosh.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

MINUTES: It was moved by Chair Brietigam and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to receive and file the Minutes from the September 12, 2016 Meeting. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote, with Commissioners Blackmun and Constantino absent, as follows:

Ayes: (4) Brietigam, McIntosh, Pham, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Blackmun, Constantino

MATTERS FROM STAFF:

TO APPOINT A COMMISSIONER TO THE OC COLLABORATIVE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT FUNDING REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Staff stated that as a part of the annual Action Plan process, Garden Grove staff had worked collaboratively with the cities of Anaheim and Santa Ana, the only three cities in the county that receive Emergency Solutions Funds, and a joint request for proposals had been sent to not-for-profit service providers, who service the homeless community. Staff asked the Commission to appoint one Commissioner to sit on an application review committee to review the funding applications, and along with staff, make recommendations for the use of the Emergency Solutions Funds to

grant to the subrecipients. Staff explained that the selected Commissioner would receive the applications, and a draft of the review form to review, with the actual collaborative date to be February 21st, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Anaheim City Hall. Last year, Commissioner Pham had been selected and commented that the process was interesting and important, and with assistance by staff, went smoothly. Staff noted that if the appointed Commissioner was not on the new forthcoming Commission, he or she would be designated as a Community Representative.

Commissioner Ramirez asked staff to explain the goal of the process. Staff responded that the grant funding was the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds directly received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); that the funds were designed to address homelessness; that last year, Garden Grove received approximately \$177,000; and, that the collaboration maximizes the funding to avoid duplication while serving the community.

Chair Brietigam asked for volunteers. Vice Chair McIntosh and Commissioner Pham indicated they would like to volunteer.

Vice Chair McIntosh stated that he had a soft spot for the homeless; that he worked with an on-line group called Orange County's Homeless to alleviate the problem and get people in beds and shelters and to provide rehabilitation; and, that he had the passion and time to volunteer.

Commissioner Pham stated that he had the experience from last year and had a passion for working with the homeless; he previously worked with an Orange County health agency as a mental health specialist for outpatient engagement; and, had been in the homes of the homeless.

Chair Brietigam opened the floor to Commissioners.

Commissioner Ramirez asked for the number of applications to be reviewed. Staff replied 'seven', and that the collaborative had asked for one representative from each city along with one staff member and one community or commission member.

It was moved by Chair Brietigam and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez to appoint Commissioner Pham, due to his experience. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote, with Commissioners Blackmun and Constantino absent, and Commissioner Pham abstaining, as follows:

Ayes: (3) Brietigam, McIntosh, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Blackmun, Constantino
Abstain: (1) Pham

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chair McIntosh asked if Minutes could be posted sooner. Staff responded that Minutes were released to the public only after being approved. Commissioners Pham, Ramirez, Brietigam, and McIntosh thanked staff for the opportunity to serve on the Commission and voiced their appreciation

regarding the City's involvement to make the community better, especially when they were able to share knowledge of the City's resources, providers, and services that were available to residents.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Brietigam adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission to be held on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at the Community Meeting Center Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Judith Moore
RECORDING SECRETARY