

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Courtyard Center
12732 Main Street

Monday, September 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIR BRIETIGAM
COMMISSIONER MCINTOSH
COMMISSIONER MUNETON
COMMISSIONER PHAM
COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ

Absent: Vice Chair Constantino, Commissioner Blackmun

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Mills, Neighborhood Improvement Manager; Nida Watkins, Neighborhood Improvement and Code Enforcement Supervisor; Monica Covarrubias, Senior Program Specialist; Alana Cheng, Senior Administrative Analyst; Scott Stiles, City Manager; Judy Moore, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner McIntosh.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

Danielle Bravo inquired how homeless persons and people with disabilities were to take advantage of programs when the requirements for them were beyond their means. Chair Brietigam responded that the topic was not on the agenda for the meeting, however, Ms. Bravo was referred to Monica Covarrubias as a resource for information.

MINUTES

It was moved by Chair Brietigam and seconded by Commissioner McIntosh to approve the Minutes from the June 8, 2015 Special Meeting. The motion carried by a 5-0-2 vote as follows:

Ayes: (5) Brietigam, McIntosh, Muneton, Pham, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Blackmun, Constantino

PUBLIC HEARING - 2014-15 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT REVIEW (CAPER):

Staff presented the 2014-15 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report Review (CAPER), which will be submitted to Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It is a HUD requirement and substantiates funds received to be able to continue to receive such funds in the future, which help serve those in

need in the community. The report covers the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Before submittal to HUD, the CAPER is available for public comment for at least fifteen days. City Council will hold a public hearing on the CAPER at its September 22, 2015 meeting.

After the presentation, there were several comments and suggestions from the Commissioners:

1. Fund programs that provide long-term assistance such as housing, rather than meals and shelters, since those are already addressed by other agencies. Staff responded that the cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana are coordinating and unifying their ESG proposals to prevent duplicity. In the end, programs are decided by the providers and the services they request to be funded. If a service is needed and there is not a provider to receive the funds for it, the service cannot be provided.
2. Contact hotels and request them to accommodate the homeless during low occupancy.
3. Whether the Brookhurst Triangle Development will provide low-income housing? Staff responded that there are no federal funds and is outside of scope.
4. Concern that the \$1.7 million/year loan repayment for acquisition of property on Harbor Boulevard will only help developers and not people in the community. Most jobs provided are \$10/hour jobs that are only slightly better than those at fast food establishments; and commented that these funds could have helped the more vulnerable citizens.
5. Participation in a sub-committee for Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies (NRSA).
6. Inquired how funding works. Staff responded that the City is a conduit for funds received. HUD requirements are restrictive and not very flexible. Often small agencies choose not to participate. Providers need to know what services are needed. But agreements may be amended if funds are to be allocated outside scope of work. HUD requires the City to monitor providers through periodical visits and audits. In addition, the City requires quarterly reports from the providers.
7. Strikers on Harbor Boulevard and Chapman Avenue and if there are any labor provisions in the developed hotels. Staff responded that federal funds were used to initially build the hotels. As with any federal construction project, there are labor compliance standards for construction and developer compliance standards for construction. These were monitored.
8. Inquired if the 193 abated properties were replaced. Staff clarified that the conditions on the properties were abated. The properties were not demolished.
9. Suggested having lifeline information on the City's website and inquired if the police department was aware of the programs available to those in need. Staff informed that there was a Neighborhood Improvement Committee comprised of City departments that has put together a Homelessness

Resource Guide brochure that was available from Fire and Police Department personnel, and at City Hall.

Chair Brietigam opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wanted to speak on this matter.

There being no response, the Public Hearing was closed.

Staff stated that the concerns as listed will be appended in the CAPER.

It was moved by Chair Brietigam and seconded by Commissioner McIntosh to accept the CAPER and submit to City Council.

The motion carried by a 5-0-2 vote as follows:

Ayes: (5) Brietigam, McIntosh, Muneton, Pham, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Blackmun, Constantino

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

1. Commissioner asked the best way to obtain information from the City regarding services. Staff noted that the Homelessness brochure provides information as well as 211. Also, Monica Covarrubias could be contacted directly. She could then refer them to the relevant service provider.
2. Commissioner requested names of Commissioners to be on the City's website.
3. Commissioner suggested coordinating with Garden Grove School District to include student representatives on some Commission meetings.
4. Commissioner suggested having a Green-bird type activity in Garden Grove. Staff suggested a meeting with Commissioner to look into possibility of Garden Grove participation.
5. Ms. Bravo was referred to Monica Covarrubias.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission will be held Monday, December 7, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., at the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street.