

CITY OF POMONA
Community Life Commission
DRAFT



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

For March 25, 2025

VISION STATEMENT

Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Community Life Commission was called to order by Chair Houston at 6:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Chair Donna Houston, Mayor Appointed
Vice-Chair Debra Mendez, District 4
Commissioner Ava Phillips, District 5
Commissioner Ramon Carrizosa, District 6

NOT PRESENT:

Commissioner Deanna Gonzalez, District 2
Commissioner Theresa Minero, District 3

STAFF PRESENT:

George Montano, NSD Assistant Director
Maria Siacunco, Housing Services Manager
Isabel Abundis, Housing Grants Supervisor
Evanne Coleman, Housing Analyst
Antoinette Perez, Loan Coordinator
Vanessa Garcia, Loan Coordinator
Tracy Byl, Commission Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next CLC Meeting
Agenda Date:
4-22-25

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Umanzor and second by Vice Chair Mendez to approve the Community Life Commission regular minutes for March 25, 2025.

Motion carried to approve Regular CLC Minutes of March 25, 2025.

DISCUSSION

1. Commission Recommendations for CDBG Funding

Maria Siacunco, Housing Programs Manager

Assistance League of Pomona Valley Operation School Bell Recommended to receive CDBG funding	5-0 (Approved)
Casa Colina Hospital and Health Care Recommended to receive CDBG funding	5-0 (Approved)
Claremont After School Programs Recommended for CDBG funding	4-1 (Approved)
Foothill Family Shelter Recommended for CDBG funding	4-1 (Approved)
Housing Rights Center (HRC) Not recommended for CDBG funding	1-4 (Not Approved)
Inland Fair Housing Mediation Board Not recommended for CDBG funding	2-3 (Not Approved)
PEARLS of Service Recommended for CDBG funding	4-1 (Approved)

Motion by Commissioner Phillips and second by Vice Chair Mendez recommending to Council CDBG funding to the 5 agencies.

Motion by Commissioner Umanzor and second by Vice Chair Mendez not recommending to Council CDBG funding to the 2 agencies.

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DISCUSSION (cont.)

2. **City of Pomona Various Housing Programs in Pomona**

Isabel Abundis, Housing Programs Supervisor

Substantial Rehabilitation Loan Program - assist eligible homeowners correct existing code violations and/or address deferred maintenance in their property.

Cal-Home Manufactured Housing Rehab Loan Program - provides loans up to \$25,000 for improvements to owner-occupied mobile home units throughout approved parks in Pomona.

Housing Improvement Program - provides Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of up to \$5,000 to address health and safety hazards and to improve the outside appearance of the home when viewed from the street.

Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP) - provides a deferred loan to eligible families to be used for down payment and closing cost assistance, to secure financing for the purchase of a single-family house or detached condo

Keeping Pomona Homes Healthy (KPHH) Program - targets families with vulnerable members, specifically: children aged 18 years and below; older adults aged 62 years and over; or persons with disability.

Multi-Unit Rental Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program - provides financial incentives to owners of rental property to maintain and improve their property in exchange for renting their units at affordable rents to families who are low-income.

Accessory Dwelling Unit/Junior Deferred Loan Program - a new affordable housing initiative that incentivizes homeowners to create an affordable rental unit on their property.

Lead Education Awareness Control & Healthy Home (LEAC + HH) Program - provides FREE lead testing and lead reduction to help prevent lead poisoning in homes built before 1978 that may contain lead-based paint.

Older Adult Program - enable low income elderly persons to remain in their homes through low costs, low barriers, high impact home modifications reduce older adults risk of falling, improve general safety, increase accessibility, and improve functionality in their home.

3. **5-Day Work Week proposed by Commissioner Carrizosa**

Commissioner Carrizosa requested information on how city hall can go back to a 5-day work week. Commissioner called emergency line on a Friday to notify city staff of the water leak on Park Ave and Orange Grove and asked staff why leak was not addressed immediately.

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COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Carrizosa

Opening Day of the American Little League
Saturday, April 29 at Washington Park starting at 9:00 am

Vice-Chair Mendez

State-Housed LA Coalition - Workshop/legal clinic/resource fair hosted by organizations brought together to assist tenants; being held in La Puente on April 16th;

Commissioner Umanzor

Attended a District 1 Community Meeting; City Manager Anita Scott talked about up-coming projects such as a underground storm channel at Ganesha Park coming projects such as a underground storm channel at Ganesha Park

Youth Leadership Summit

6-day, 5-night event designed for students with disabilities ages 16-22; event being held at Cal Poly offering experiences in personal growth, leadership development and empowerment.

Chair Houston

Acknowledged Women's History Month
NAACP hosted event for Women's History Month
Speakers: Olympian runner, Brittany Brown and Congresswoman Maxine Waters
Update Recreational Guide - Maria to follow-up with City Clerk
Request for Formal Training from City Clerk's Office
Follow-up with City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Houston adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

The City of Pomona Community Life Commission is hereby adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of May 27, 2025 starting at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tracy Byl
Community Life Commission Secretary

Chair Donna Houston