

***Approved***  
**CITY OF POMONA**  
***Community Life Commission***

***REGULAR MEETING MINUTES***

March 28, 2017  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER BOARD ROOM  
505 SOUTH GAREY AVENUE

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting convened at 5:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers Board Room with Commissioner Camacho presiding and the following Commissioners present:

ROLL CALL:           Present:

Adriana Pinedo, Mayor Appointed  
Vince Carpio, Jr., District 1  
Alfredo Camacho-Gonzalez, District 2  
Arturo Jimenez, Commissioner, District 3  
Rebecca Alvarez, Commissioner, District 4  
Judith St. John, Commissioner, District 6

Absent:           Saul Roque, Chair

STAFF PRESENT:           Tracy Byl, City Liaison  
Elizabeth Leon, City Liaison

**A.Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Commissioner Camacho serving AS acting Chair.

**B.PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Pinedo led Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**C. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Commissioner Camacho. Members present are noted above.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. January 24, 2017 minutes

Approval of regular Community Life Commission meeting minutes for January 24, 2017.  
Motioned by Camacho to approve minutes.

**Motion carried unanimously 6-0**

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- b. February 28, 2017 minutes.

Approval of regular Community Life Commission meeting minutes for January 24, 2017.  
Moted by Camacho to approve minutes.

Motion by Camacho approve minutes.

**Motion carried unanimously 6-0**

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for the community Life Commission.

Commissioner Alvarez nominated Commissioner Camacho for Chair, Commissioner Pinedo second the nomination, Commissioner Jimenez abstained.

Commissioners to table nominations for Vice-Chair for next meeting.

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| <b>Motion Carrried</b> | <b>5-0</b> |
| <b>Abstained</b>       | <b>1</b>   |

Discussion

Commissioner Jimenez stated that he would like to have Chair Roque included in the nominations.

**G. DISCUSSION**

Commission to bring to Council an Anti-Litter Campaign in partnership with schools, public and private, and City.

- a. List of Goals
- Business engagement
  - Neighborhood engagement
  - Youth engagement
  - Blight reduction- clean-up, anti-liter
  - Homelessness
  - Inter-commission engagement
  - Code enforcement

Commissioner Camacho- asked if there was any response from staff city council in regards to the anti-liter campaign along with introduction to the listed 7 items.

Staff responded none at this time, staff will be placing the listed goal items in a weekly report to council.

Commissioner Alvarez- in regards to the goals Commissioner Pinedo and himself are part of a few groups and they are very interested in the Community Life Commission taking on some of the commission goals such as the neighborhood clean-up. A group called Nuestro Pomona centered on community clean-ups, community engagement and giving out information.

Commissioner Pinedo- Shared with a few groups about Community Life Commission goals. When blight reduction was mentioned a lot of people were excited and wanted to partner-up, help get the word out and come out to events so there was positive feedback. Cal Poly Pomona,

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Solis Office, Volunteer Corps and different folks are doing clean-ups of all the districts and teaming up with current council members, which consists of canvassing the community one week and then next week major clean-up. The first week they try to involve the neighborhood by handing out resource guides for various things such as numbers such as trash pick-up service to collect big bulk items etc. Then they let the people know that they will be out next week cleaning up and welcome them to join in. They have completed district one clean-up and was a good turnout. The next neighborhood clean-up is scheduled for district 6 April 22<sup>nd</sup> 10-12 noon at Ganesha Park. Commissioner Pinedo invited commission to join in.

Staff inquiry to ensure April 6<sup>th</sup> clean-up is on City calendar.

Commissioner Camacho- Encouraged commissioner to speak to their District Council in regards to Community Life Commission list of goals so that they may get ideas. Commissioner Camacho stated that Pinedo and he shared Community Life Commission goals with their District 2 council member Adriana and council was very excited.

Commissioner Pinedo- Stated they have spoken with council member Gonzalez who was the lead for District 1 clean-up and that now Council member Torres is really excited about the clean-up.

### **H. COMMISSIONERS COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Chair and Commissioners and announcement of upcoming events.

Commissioner St. John- Attended meeting at Fair Plex where neighbors were invited in planning for future 2020. Stated spoke to neighbors who were concerned with the increase air flights and of noise coming from Brakett Airport flight lessons and Ontario Airport. Invited staff to question Ontario Airport traffic Control if there was anything they could do to reduce the noise and proximity to the airplanes flying low and close to homes.

Commissioner Alvarez- Attended a District Community meeting on keeping jobs in Pomona and not outsourcing. Also, on how Down Town Pomona was progressing, things that came about from Pomona Police Department were also on clean-up. Stated that was very pleased to see all of the involvement even from residents outside of Pomona.

Commissioner Pinedo- Invited everyone on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to attend neighborhood clean-up at Tony Cerda Park/Sharky's Park. A week prior to the neighborhood clean-up the area is canvased and they hand out city resource guides where music, art and dancing are provided for entertainment. April 28, 29 and 30 will be art in the park. May 13<sup>th</sup> Beautification Day. Council member Oliveros wanted dedicate some time to paint fire hydrates, red curbs, numbers.

Commissioner Jimenez- Was very happy to hear that everything is about clean-up.

Commissioner stated that he did speak to the Mayor and informed him that the Community Life Commission had embraced the Pomona Beautification day and clean count day that he was promoting and that the commission wanted to support him in his efforts. Jimenez suggested that commission embrace the one of the listed goals of beautification and call it Pomona Beautiful and clean, so that City Council knows that commission is In line with what they are doing as well.

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Commissioner Jimenez stated that does support Commissioner St. John with noise reduction and follow-up as a commission perhaps send a letter to administration to Brakett Airport. He suggested to place as an agenda item in the future.

Commissioner Jimenez stated that homeless issues were getting worse and that homeless were threatening business owners when they are told not to pan handle inside their businesses. Commissioner wants to make this comment on homeless issues a part of public record.

Commissioner Camacho- Stated both him and Commissioner Pinedo are on the Pomona Beautification Day Committee and invited commission to submit a project submission form of any projects that they would like to see in there District. The volunteers will pick the projects and do them.

Commissioner Camacho also let commissioner know of a running group We Run In Pomona, the idea to promote public safety, community engagement and safer streets. The program meets every Tuesday starts and ends at Innovation Brew Works in Pomona.

Commissioner Carpio- Latino Roundtable is heartwarming to see how it has grown.

Garey, Town, DMV and train is concerning that people are going through these blighted areas. Commission needs to focus on what others are seeing not what we are seeing. Is concerned of the weeds growing on easements and would like Code Enforcement penalize and commission at the same time will be promoting Pomona Beautification.

Staff directed to invite Code Enforcement to speak on behalf of commissioner's request.

Commissioner Jimenez- Suggests to commission to come up with a matrix where all commissioners concerns can be addressed. Commissioner invites commissioners to take on signage regulations with Planning Manager Brad Johnson in an effort to end sign blight.

Commissioner Carpio- Latino Roundtable was discussed to spend in Pomona save a job and give back to the community of Pomona.

Commissioner Pinedo- States that she would like to support Commissioner Carpio's idea of the weeds being blight, and would like an opportunity to speak with Code Enforcement with that regard.

Commissioner Jimenez- States that there is opportunity for neighborhood engagement and inform residents that the meridian is their responsibility to keep clean and not the city's responsibility.

Commissioner Camacho- Would like to look into the project of most Beautiful Home in Pomona recognition and or Proclamation Certificate.

Commissioner Carpio- Requests staff to check with Risk Management monies or donation of paint for homes eliminates blight, good for the community and requesting Redevelopment funds.

Staff- to check on liability issue with Risk Management.

Commissioner Pinedo- Find people elderly or incapacitated people who cannot fix their home anymore and help with painting their homes.

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Staff- Commission can go to Habit for Humanity for donated paint or Home Depot.

Commissioner Jimenez- Recognized homes

Commissioner Alvarez- Do not make it a competition and be careful for those who cannot afford it.

Commissioner Pinedo- Back to Pomona Beautiful, take on a presentation, lawn signs that say Pomona Beautiful to recognize people who clean-up their homes in Pomona.

Commissioner Alvarez- Shared the exchanging of plants within neighbors or at a street fair as a freeway for people to beautify their homes, so would be happy to do as a community event.

Commissioner Pinedo- Shared idea of community gardening event or plant exchange.

**I.STAFF COMMUNICATION**

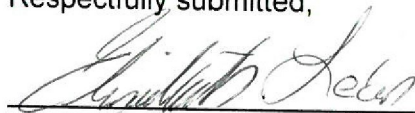
- a. Benita DeFrank, Director of Neighborhood Services, will present the Homeless Strategic Plan at the next meeting scheduled on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Camacho adjourned the meeting at 6:09pm

The City of Pomona Community Life Commission is hereby adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of May 23, 2017 starting at 6:00p.m. at Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Leon  
Community Life Commission Liaison

ATTEST:



Alfredo Camacho-Gonzalez  
Acting Chair for Community Life commission