

CITY OF POMONA
Community Life Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2018
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER BOARD ROOM
505 SOUTH GAREY AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers with Vice-Chair Hutchinson presiding and the following Commissioners present:

ROLL CALL: Present:

Donna Houston, Commissioner, Mayor
Vince Carpio, Commissioner, District 1
Rebecca Alvarez, Commissioner, District 4
Vice-Chair Tamela Hutchinson, District 6

Absent:

Chair- Alfredo Camacho-Gonzalez, District 2
Arturo Jimenez, Commissioner, District 3

STAFF PRESENT:

Benita DeFrank, Neighborhood Services Director
George Montano, Housing Authority Manager
Elizabeth Leon, City Liaison

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Vice-Chair Tamela Hutchinson- present are noted above.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Houston led Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair motioned to approve minutes for May 22, 2018.

Commissioner Carpio- Abstained.

Motion carried 3-0

PRESENTATION-

None

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Community member -Tim Sandoval

We would like to thank Commissioners on behalf of City Council in volunteering their time and energy to Community Life Commission; who work towards setting goals to help our community within The City of Pomona.

We would like to propose that the Community Life Commission help develop a training program along with City Council for Pomona Beautiful Movement. The training can be on a monthly or quarterly basis.

The goal in mind is to have every street and every neighborhood adopted by a resident and in essence take ownership to every street in the city.

There are three things that residents are looking for which are:

1. Safe City of Pomona
2. Clean City of Pomona
3. Good Schools

There is already an effort to clean the City of Pomona to compliment the services that are already in place. There is a Tuesday crew working to clean up Holt Ave to Kingsley already in place. The businesses are reminded as well to take care of the streets alley and gutters. There is a website that will be set up so that the community can adopt areas to clean.

The development of the training program consists of having everyone going into this movement is trained on how to handle different situations such as hazardous debris or bulk items. The goal also consists of having half of the city to be owned and adopted by residents and citizens by 2020. The movement is also about making the social connection with community members and residents; it also serves as a vehicle to getting information out to residents such as community events.

One of the things that are being worked on is identifying the residents email address, so that we may provide residents with updates on a periodic basis, which is low cost way of sending out information. Also, we will be working on repurposing vehicle to have volunteers patrol the areas.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION-

Upcoming Events and Conferences –

Commissioner Carpio- Participated in the fund raiser for the Pomona Library and reported that it was very successful with 300 participants and over one hundred five thousand dollars raised (5,000.00). He also participated in the Art Program, Parks Commission and Environmental Justice Enforcement and Task where they survey pollution, toxic waste, non-conformance and found out that Pomona is one of the worst contaminated cities in California.

Commissioner Alvarez- Attended the car show and shared that it is expected to grow and become attractive to young and old folks.

Also, attended Ganesha Park and met with Dr. Steckel who is an archeologist. They want to build a child friendly museum that represents the first nation people.

The ancient Indian bones that were found at Ganesha Park in 1967. The bones were sent to Pitzer College and may have been lost or thrown away. The Indian Tribe would like to reach out to the community for support to place a monument where the bones were found.

Vice Chair Hutchinson motioned to continue meeting, Commissioner Alvarez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

Vice-Chair Hutchinson- Attended Car show and two Juneteenth community events; Willy White Focus Group and the one at Ganesha Park with Trudy Coleman. Juneteenth is a celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Although slavery ended in 1863 the last slave was notified two years later Dating to 1865.

STAFF COMMUNICATION-

Commissioner Houston- Reported that if Commissioners needed business Cards they should reach out to their Council member.

Staff- Provided Commissioners with an updated calendar of events (May thru December).

In addition, per request of the Commissioners, Official City Meeting times were provided for their review.

Commissioner Houston- Request to add National Night Out for August 7, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS-

1. Pomona Beautiful-Anti Litter Campaign

Commissioner Jimenez – Excused Absence.

2. Things that affect quality of life in City of Pomona

Vice-Chair Hutchinson- No updates.

3. Neighborhood Watch and Ad Hoc Meeting

Commissioner Houston- National Night Out event for Tuesday August 7, 2018 @ 5:00pm held at City Hall. They have given Community Life Commission a table for the event and all Commissioners are invited to join in.

4. Outline of goals

Vice-Chair Hutchinson- Would like Commissioners to identify goals for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS-

Commissioners take a vote on Mayor's proposal for Community Life Commission to help develop a training program along with City Council for Pomona Beautiful Movement. The training can be on a monthly or quarterly basis.

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ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Hutchinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.

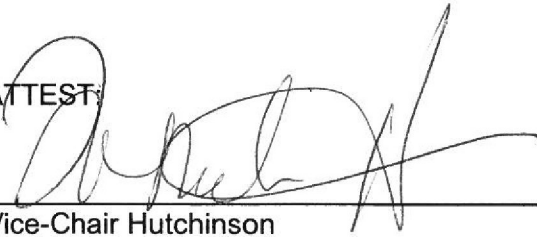
The City of Pomona Community Life Commission is hereby adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of July 24, 2018 starting at 6:30p.m. at Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Leon
Community Life Commission Liaison

ATTEST:



Vice-Chair Hutchinson
Chair for Community Life commission