

CITY OF POMONA
Community Life Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 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 Chair Alfredo Camacho-Gonzalez presiding and the following Commissioners present:

ROLL CALL: Present:

Chair- Alfredo Camacho-Gonzalez, District 2
Rebecca Alvarez, Commissioner, District 4
Donna Houston, Commissioner, Mayor-Appointed
Vince Carpio, Commissioner, District 1
Eunice Russell, District 5

Absent:

Vice-Chair Tamela Hutchinson, District 6
Arturo Jimenez, Commissioner, District 3

STAFF PRESENT:

Donyielle Holley, Homeless Services Supervisor
Beverly Johnson, Housing Services Manager
Isabel Abundis, Housing Analyst
Veronica Perez, Housing Technician
Tracy Byl, Housing Technician
Elizabeth Leon, City Liaison

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by City Liaison Elizabeth Leon. Those present are noted above.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Russell led Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Carpio motioned to approve minutes for September 25, 2018 and this was seconded by Commissioner Russell.

Motion carried 5-0

PRESENTATION-

Citizen Participation/Stakeholder Presentation

Presenter: Beverly Johnson Housing Services Manager

Provided a presentation of 2018-2019 Action Plan

The Plan serves as:

- A planning document which builds on a comprehensive consultation and citizen participation process;
- An application for HUD federal funds;
- A five-(5) year strategy to meet housing, homelessness, community development, and economic development needs;
- An outline for Development of the Annual Action Plan for investing Federal funds in the community;

The City currently participates in the following Federal Entitlement Programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds;
- HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Funds;
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds;

HUD Consolidated Plan requirements:

- Build consensus for the Plan;
- Seek partners (community based organizations & citizens);
- Identify priority needs, goals and strategies based on Community Participation;
- Target efforts for Federal Funds (build on existing capital improvements and infrastructure plans
- Identify housing needs; public service's needs; neighborhood sustainable efforts;
- Focus on leveraging additional money (not just CDBG, HOME and ESG);
- Target emphasis (Low-income persons and CDBG-eligible areas in the City).

During the development of the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and as part of the public participation process, the City is consulting with the following stakeholders to solicit their input on the City's housing and community development needs in order to identify goals and strategies :

- City Council;
- Community Residents;
- Community Agencies serving Children, the Elderly, Persons with Disabilities, the Homeless and Persons with AIDS;
- State and Local Health Agencies;
- Adjacent Local Governments;
- Economic Development Interests;
- Public Housing Agencies;

Staff will utilize the following forums to receive stakeholder input:

- Study Sessions/Public Hearing
- Stakeholder Focus Groups
- Community Needs Survey through Mailing, Distribution, Press Release and Posting of Survey on the Internet
- Telephone/Personal Interviews

Staff would like to reach out to the Community Life Commission to assist with the community needs survey to gather information on the types of services and improvements that may be needed.

Commissioners all agreed to reach out to the community and give out the surveys in an effort to identify the community's needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

None

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION-

Upcoming Events and Conferences –

Commissioner Carpio- Attended the blessing of indigenous site at Ganesha Park

Commissioner Alvarez- Attended the blessing of indigenous site at Ganesha Park.

Commissioner Russell- Attended Assist with Willy White Focus Group for Districts 2,3,4, and 5, attended the candidate forum, and some neighborhood watch meetings.

Commissioner Houston- October 4, 2018 attended ribbon cutting opening day of Stem. Stem is a partnership of Cal Poly Pomona University and Ganesha High where students work hands on to finish projects. Stem also may provide possible future internships for students in Pomona.

Chair Camacho Gonzalez- Attended 2nd annual 5K running event hosted by Day One. In two weeks I will start meetings for the Children's Festival. I would like to encourage everyone on Tuesdays to participate in Walk to School Day.

STAFF COMMUNICATION-

Event Calendar:

OLD BUSINESS-

Discussion Items:

1. Pomona Beautiful- City of Pomona collaboration with Pomona Unified School District Anti-Litter Campaign -**Commissioner Jimenez Tabled.**
2. Things that affect quality of life in City of Pomona- **Commissioner Jimenez Tabled.**
3. Neighborhood Watch Committee- **Nothing to report.**
4. Outline of Goals, Strategy and Measurement plan- **Commissioner Hutchinson-Absent.**
5. Commissioners to take a vote on Mayor's proposal for the Community Life Commission to help develop a training program along with the City Council for the Pomona Beautiful Movement. The training can be on a monthly or quarterly basis. The goal is to have every street and every neighborhood adopted by a resident and, in essence, take ownership of every street in the City. **Pending direction from Mayor.**

NEW BUSINESS-

Commissioner discussion regarding Human Trafficking within the City of Pomona- Commissioner Alvarez motioned to Table the discussion, and this was seconded by Commissioner Carpio

Motioned carried 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Camacho-Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

The City of Pomona Community Life Commission is hereby adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of November 27, 2018 starting at 6:30p.m. at Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Leon
Community Life Commission Liaison

ATTEST:



Chair Camacho-Gonzalez
Chair for Community Life commission