

MINUTES

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

PRELIMINARY: These Minutes to be considered for approval on February 9, 2022.

Community Services Commissioner Surich called the Regular Meeting of the Community Services Commission to order at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Felix, Kempker, Laveaga, Rojas, Schmidt, Surich

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Garcia

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Kimberly Albarian, Community Services Manager and Miranda Cole-Corona, Economic Development & Housing Manager.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Laveaga

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Surich

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

II. CONSENT CALENDAR:

MOVED BY Commissioner Rojas, seconded by Commissioner Surich and CARRIED 6-0, TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2021. Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Felix, Kempker, Laveaga, Rojas, Schmidt, Surich
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: Garcia
ABSTAIN: NONE

III. CONSIDERATON ITEMS

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

Miranda Cole-Corona, Economic Development & Housing Manager gave a brief overview of the CDBG grant program. The total funds available for public services is \$96,000. The Commission heard presentations from the Community Services Department, Mercy House and Fair Housing Foundation. The Commission sub-committee will meet to further review the applications and will make a funding recommendation to Commission at the February 9th meeting.

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

There were no sub-committee updates.

C. REVIEW THE SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2022

The Commission reviewed the updated special events calendar. Receive and file.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Kimberly Albarian, Community Services Manager gave an update on the Everyone Counts Point in Time event that will be held on January 26 in the City. This is an annual homeless count across Orange County. These numbers are important and need to be accurate since funding and housing requirements are dependent on this data. Additional information will be emailed to the Commission.

The READY SET OC program needs local businesses to provide hands on work experience for youth 16 – 24 years. This program will pay participants \$15.00 an hour for up to 500 hours. One of the goals is for businesses to consider providing more permanent employment after they have fulfilled the initial 500 hours of work experience. City staff will assist businesses with creating positions and designing recruitment flyers.

The Tamale Festival was well received and staff are very pleased with the attendance, entertainment, tree lighting ceremony and overall great event. Next years' date will be Saturday, December 3, 2022. Staff will work to resolve the electricity issue with both food and general vendors. Please send Kim any additional comments.

Thank you to all the Commissioners that volunteered, donated and participated in the annual Holiday Wishes program. 500 families were invited to participate this year. They were from the La Habra City School District, Lowell Joint School District, Employment & Training, Child Development and community referrals. A special thank you to the Children's Museum, La Habra Collaborative and community partners and sponsors.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Rojas gave an update on the Route to Parks program. A meeting will be scheduled later in January to further develop the program.

Commissioner Laveaga announced the Citrus Fair dates: April 29, 30 & May 1.

Commissioner Surich announced that the handmade boat raffle was announced and proceeds will benefit the Community Resource Care Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 100 East La Habra Boulevard.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Albarian,
Recording Secretary

APPROVAL: This is to certify that these Minutes were approved by the La Habra City Council on _____.

Laurie Swindell, CMC
City Clerk