

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NICC)

Community Meeting Center, Council Chamber
11300 Stanford Avenue

Monday, September 11, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONER BLACKMUN
COMMISSIONER BRIETIGAM
COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD
COMMISSIONER MCINTOSH
COMMISSIONER PHAM
COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ
COMMISSIONER SERRANO

Absent: Brietigam, Crawford, Serrano

Commissioner Serrano joined the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Wilson, Neighborhood Improvement Manager; Nida Watkins, Project Manager; Judith Moore, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Blackmun.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Blackmun and seconded by Vice Chair McIntosh, to receive and file the Minutes from the June 5, 2017 Meeting. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote, with Commissioners Breitigam, Crawford, and Serrano absent, and Pham abstaining as follows:

Ayes: (3) Blackmun, McIntosh, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (3) Brietigam, Crawford, Serrano
Abstain: (1) Pham

MATTERS FROM STAFF: PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

The City receives several types of funds from HUD, and in order to continue receiving these funds, 4 million worth last year – the City must submit a CAPER each September for the previous program year. This CAPER covers July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The CAPER is part of an ongoing planning for HUD funds – through a citizen participation process - which happens in 3 stages:

1. The City created a 5-Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, which identified the community's priority housing, homeless, and social service needs. The Consolidated Plan then specified goals and objectives to address those needs. The City's current Consolidated Plan is for 2015 through 2020. This CAPER covers the second year of the 5-year planning period.
2. Each year staff recommends an Action Plan of specific projects and budget allocations to address needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. This Commission participates in reviewing the Action Plan before Council adopts it.

Once the Action Plan is approved, contracts are executed, projects implemented, and funds are expended in accordance with the Plan.

3. At the conclusion of the year, a CAPER is produced to evaluate how the City performed:

Staff measures how the City did as a whole: the number of people served, the number of housing units rehabilitated, the amount of money spent, etc.

Staff evaluates the progress of each project in the Action Plan.

Staff reports on the City's progress or any challenges the City is encountering in meeting the 5-year goals in the Consolidated Plan.

Some of the City's accomplishments include:

- Assisted 345 individuals and/or households with fair housing services
- Provided 4 low-income households with rental assistance in the form of tenant based rental assistance
- Rapid Rehousing to 7 families
- 252 homeless residents with overnight shelters
- 19 families with homeless prevention services
- Over a 1000 seniors with services and meal delivery (596 Senior Serv/545 Senior Center)
- Funded gang prevention services in the City's low and moderate income areas
- Constructed 47 affordable units for low-income seniors and families

The CAPER is part of an ongoing citizen participation process that includes an opportunity for public comment for at least 15 days.

Unlike the Consolidated Plan or Action Plan, the City is not required to "adopt" the CAPER. The City submits it to HUD, therefore, the Commission takes no action, but is asked to hold a public hearing to hear comments from the audience and share Commission feedback. The City Council will hold a public hearing on the CAPER on September 26th. Staff will consider all comments from the NICC meeting and Council meeting before submitting the final draft to HUD.

Chair Ramirez opened the public hearing to receive comment. With no speakers, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

Vice Chair McIntosh asked if the CAPER was on the City's website. Staff responded that the CAPER, as well as the Action Plan, were on the Neighborhood Improvement web page.

Commissioner Blackmun asked what assistance the homeless were given when they visited City Hall. Staff responded that the homeless were briefed on the service providers available through Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and 211.

Commissioner Pham asked what outreach the City provided to alert the community about NICC meetings. Staff responded that a notice was printed in the paper in three languages.

Chair Ramirez noted that some form of outreach would be good to highlight how much the City does provide in the form of assistance.

Staff clarified that the CAPER year-end report to HUD was limited to report only federal funds and added that two new sub-recipients were City Net and the Illumination Foundation.

It was moved by Commissioner Serrano and seconded by Commissioner Blackmun, to recommend approval of the CAPER to the September 26th City Council meeting. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote, with Commissioners Breitigam and Crawford absent, as follows:

Ayes: (5) Blackmun, McIntosh, Pham, Ramirez, Serrano
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Brietigam, Crawford

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Blackmun asked if the City Net and Illumination services were different. Staff explained that the services were the same, however, the Illumination Foundation had a housing component. City Net received \$15,000 and Illumination received \$10,000.

Vice Chair McIntosh mentioned that the City of Anaheim had a state of emergency concerning the homeless in the riverbed and that Los Angeles had a 'Granny' house tax break if people housed homeless in their accessory dwelling units. He suggested keeping an eye on Anaheim, Los Angeles, and the OC Homeless Coalition for their ideas to deter and assist with homelessness.

Commissioner Serrano suggested that Garden Grove have an outreach plan for the overflow of homeless that may flow in from Anaheim, and that the increased number of police service calls should warrant one or two full-time officers to assist with the homeless issue.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission to be held on Monday, December 4, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at the Community Meeting Center Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Judith Moore
RECORDING SECRETARY