



MINUTES

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ADVISORY BOARD January 30, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Chair – Jonathon Hammel
Vice Chair – Jignesh Padhiar
Secretary – Joe Pena
Board Member – Dennis Pappas
Board Member – Stephen Quinn
Board Member – Vacant
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Staff Liaison – Charles Kovac, Housing Manager
Staff Liaison – Gregory Hoang, Sr. Administrative Analyst
Staff Liaison – Kim Radding, Management Aide

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Hammel called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jonathon Hammel
Jignesh Padhiar
Dennis Pappas
Joe Pena
Stephen Quinn

Absent: None

Staff Present: Charles Kovac
Gregory Hoang
Kim Radding

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

1. Approve the Minutes of the Citizen Participation Advisory Board Meeting of January 16, 2025.

Motion by Vice Chair Padhiar to approve the Minutes of the Citizen Participation Advisory Board meeting of January 16, 2025, as submitted. Second by Member Quinn, carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

2. Review of Annual Community Development Block Grant Public Services Program Applications for the 2025-26 Program Year.

Staff Liaison Kovac reported that the City anticipates receiving approximately \$1.1 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year. CDBG regulations allow 15 percent (\$165,000) of those funds to be allocated to Public Services programs. The City has received seven applications requesting a total of \$390,000 in funding. Mr. Kovac advised that during this meeting the Board will hear presentations from the requesting agencies and have an opportunity to ask questions. The Board will then convene on February 20 to determine funding recommendations that will be presented the City Council at a Joint Study Session on March 18.

3. Applicant Presentations

City of Huntington Beach Oak View Family Resource Center

Drop-in Recreation Program – Grant Request \$85,000
Presentation given by Kristin Martinez (City of Huntington Beach),
Teffany Nowell (Oak View Family Resource Center)
Ryan Brenes (Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley)

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley is requesting \$85,000 to operate an after-school enrichment program at the Oak View FRC to serve 160 school-age children of low-income Huntington Beach families. The program offers a safe environment for children to learn, play, and explore during non-school hours including spring and summer breaks, addressing the need for childcare when parents work. Partnerships also provide essential resources, such as meals to the children, and non-perishable foods to their families.

Pathways to Independence

Grant Request \$40,000

Presentation given by Diana Hill.

This is the first funding request from the organization, which has operated in Huntington Beach for 34 years. The program serves women aged 18-35 that are facing adversity without support systems and provides support for three to five years. The mission focuses on education, therapy, mentoring, housing and health care to help the women build successful lives. Accountability and commitment are emphasized, with a 20-hour-a-week job requirement. The program demonstrates an 80% graduation rate and currently supports 40 clients.

StandUp for Kids Orange County

Street Outreach - Grant Request \$33,478

Presentation given by Denise Zermeno and Elle Martinez

The program offers wraparound services for individuals aged 18-24, providing mentors, housing navigators, and employment specialists. Street Outreach involves meeting youth at various locations including colleges and areas where individuals are found on the streets. In 2024-25, the program assisted 98 individuals, mentored 20, and provided housing, employment support, and meals/grocery deliveries. The program seeks to serve 110 youth in 2025-26.

Open Arms Food Pantry and Resource Center

Rattles of Love Diaper Bank – Grant Request \$60,000

This organization was not present to provide a verbal presentation but did submit a presentation that will be distributed to CPAB members. The program provides no cost emergency-based infant care products including diapers, clothing, blankets, and hygiene supplies. The 2025-26 program goal is to serve 10,000 Huntington Beach households.

Project Hope Alliance

On-Site Case Management for OC Youth Experiencing Homelessness –

Grant Request \$50,000

Presentation given by Jennifer Friend

Case managers provide support to teenagers facing challenges by maintaining consistent presence in their lives, attending meetings, supplying food, and offering enrichment activities. The program's comprehensive support extends beyond school hours, including summer enrichment. Supporting youth facing the most significant challenges with a case manager-to-youth ratio 30:1, the program serves

188 youth from 101 families on five Huntington Beach campuses. A 100% high school graduation rate demonstrates the effectiveness of this approach.

Robyne's Nest

Robyne's Nest Housing and Support to Homeless & At-Risk Youth in Huntington Beach

Grant Request \$75,000

Presentation given by Lisa Farmer

The organization provides support to at-risk students lacking parental support, focusing on prevention and tailored assistance. Services include addressing basic needs, mental health therapy, life skills training (finance, cooking, stress management), and educational support. The program has grown since inception 10 years ago. It aims to help students graduate high school and pursue further education or vocational training. A 100% high school graduation rate has been achieved by the program that currently serves 40 children from various Huntington Beach schools.

City of Huntington Beach Senior Center

Care Management - Grant Request \$46,000

Presentation given by Michelle Yerke

The Huntington Beach Senior Center has served the community for over 40 years, reaching over 700 older adults annually with 6,000+ contacts. Huntington Beach now has a significant population (25-26%) aged 60 or older. Many older adults remain self-sufficient; however, a significant portion require support to maintain independent living due to age-related health issues or financial constraints. The program faces challenges meeting rising demand of a growing older adult population. Limited staffing (four part time Care Managers since 1997) hinders meeting the increasing demand. The funding request will provide two additional part-time positions, which would significantly increase capacity and allow for deeper work.

MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Staff Liaison Kovac offered closing remarks encouraging the Board Members to contact applicant organizations with questions and to consider arranging facility tours.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hammel adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Citizen Participation Advisory Board, Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Huntington Beach Civic Center, Lower Level, Room B-7, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California.

Prepared By:

Kim Radding, Management Aide

Adopted February 20, 2025:

Joe Pena, Secretary