



MINUTES

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ADVISORY BOARD January 16, 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 6:00 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

Michelle Alvarez, Huntington Beach resident and Director of Family Support Programs with the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley, spoke in support of the Oak View Family Resource Center Drop-in Recreation Program that offers an afterschool program to support families in the Oak View neighborhood. Ms. Alvarez shared details about the impact of the program that features a variety of healthy recreation activities, reading programs, computer access, homework clubs and tutoring, along with meals and snacks in a safe environment after school.

Parents and students that actively participate in the afterschool program spoke about their appreciation for the program:

Vanessa Hernandez (parent) stated that she is very happy with the program and feels that the staff take good care of her children, which allows her to work.

Maricela Espinoza (parent) expressed gratitude that her son has a safe place to go after school. He always mentions the afterschool program as the best part of his day.

Melanie (school-age program participant) described the activities she enjoys through the program and likes making friends to spend time with there.

Erickson (school-age program participant) enjoys the kind staff and feels that he always has someone to talk to when needed. He likes being able to do all the activities with his friends in the program.

1. Administratively Approve the Minutes of the Citizen Participation Advisory Board Meeting of February 22, 2024.

Motion by Member Padhiar to approve the Minutes of the Citizen Participation Advisory Board meeting of February 22, 2024, as submitted. Second by Secretary Hammel, carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

2. Nomination and Election of Officers for the Positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Staff Liaison Kovac opened the floor for nominations to serve the Board in the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

Member Padhiar nominated Jonathon Hammel to serve as Chair. Second by Member Quinn, carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Member Padhiar self-nominated to serve as Vice Chair. Second by Chair Hammel, carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Member Pena self-nominated to serve as Secretary. Second by Vice Chair Padhiar, carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

PRESENTATIONS

3. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Overview

Staff Liaison Kovac provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program regulations and the City's objectives for the expenditure of CDBG Public Services funding.

4. Accomplishments of the Program Year 2023-24 Subrecipients

Staff Liaison Hoang reported on the achievements made by subrecipients of CDBG funding during the Program Year 2023-24 as stated in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) approved by the City Council and submitted to HUD in September 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services: Annual Funding Review and Recommendations.

Chair Hammel opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 pm.

Staff Liaison Kovac advised the Board that the City anticipates HUD will award approximately the same allocation of CDBG Public Services funding (\$165,000) as was received by the City for the current 2024-25 Program Year. Mr. Kovac provided a PowerPoint presentation to outline the process for receiving and expending CDBG funding. Mr. Kovac explained how the Citizen Participation Advisory Board shall determine recommendations for Public Services funding, which will become part of the Annual Action Plan and the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Cheryl Gatch, Huntington Beach resident, expressed concern about locations she has observed throughout the City where colorful paint has been added to the roadway. Ms. Gatch stated that it appeared to be expensive and potentially a pollutant. In addition, Ms. Gatch would like to see opportunities for solar panels, and windows facing prevailing winds addressed in new buildings as an environmental method to decrease ongoing housing cost.

Chair Hammel closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 pm.

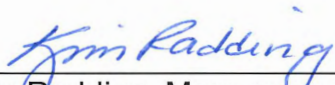
ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Members conducted an open dialogue with Staff Liaisons regarding measurement of past performance and accomplishments by subrecipient organizations.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hammel adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Citizen Participation Advisory Board, Thursday, January 30, 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 January 30, 2025:



Joe Pena, Secretary