

**CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 23, 2024**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Members Present**

Lorenzo Garza- Chairman  
Zoreida Lopez- Vice-Chairwoman  
Marsha Terry  
Alma Garcia  
Roxanne Mendez  
Monika Rosales-Flores  
Emigdio Villanueva, Jr.

**Members Absent**

Cynthia Pacheco  
Francisco Cadena

**Staff Present**

Jo Anne Longoria  
Esther Rivera  
Danny Sanchez

**Call Regular Meeting to Order to Establish Quorum**

Chairman Lorenzo Garza called Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Ms. Jo Anne Longoria conducted roll call. She stated that seven members were present therefore there was quorum.

**Citizens Participation**

Chairman Garza asked if there were any citizens present to discuss any items on the agenda or to express their concerns. With no one present, and no comments, he continued with the next item.

**Discussion and Recommendation to Approve Minutes for Public Hearing/Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2024 and Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2024**

Mr. Danny Sanchez asked the members if they had reviewed the minutes for the Public Hearing/Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2024 and Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2024 and if there were any questions or comments. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Alma Garcia motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Vice-Chair Zoreida Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

**Discussion and Recommendation to Approve Tentative Schedule for Annual Action Plan FY 2024-2025 (Revisions)**

Ms. Longoria stated that she added April 30<sup>th</sup> to the Tentative Schedule for the Public Hearing scheduled at Marcell Elementary. She also stated no other changes were made and that the discussions for funding will be presented on the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vice-Chair Lopez asked if the members can ask questions regarding the funding. Ms. Longoria responded by stating that committee members can ask questions pertaining to funding for the meeting scheduled on May 14<sup>th</sup>. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza asked for a motion to approve the Tentative Schedule for Annual Action FY 2024-2025 (Revisions). Ms. Marsha Terry motioned to approve the Tentative Schedule for Annual Action Plan FY 2024-2025 (Revisions) as presented. Ms. Roxanne Mendez seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### **Discussion and Recommendation on Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Applicant Waiting List**

Ms. Longoria presented the HAP Applicant Waiting List. She stated there are five reconstruction bids that have been approved by City Council. She also mentioned that CDBG is working with Applicant #5 pending the lead based paint testing. Ms. Longoria went on to say that we'd like to get Applicant #6 considered for this fiscal year with the available balance from the reconstruction homes. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza asked for a motion to approve the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Applicant Waiting List. Mr. Villanueva motioned to approve the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Applicant Waiting List. Ms. Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### **Discussion on HAP Phase 23-I**

Ms. Esther Rivera stated City Council awarded the bids and pending the contractor to submit the required insurances. She went on to say that after the contractor submits the required documentation, she would meet with the homeowners to sign the contracts and to provide them ten days to move out. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza thanked Ms. Rivera for the update and moved on to the next item.

### **PowerPoint Presentation on Paint Mission Beautiful**

Ms. Rivera presented the PowerPoint Presentation on Paint Mission Beautiful. Throughout the slide show she elaborated on the different departments that were involved and how fortunate that there were a good number of volunteers. She went on to say that this wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for Area Agency on Aging (AAA) expediting the process to provide Ms. Mendez the ramp that she needed for her home. Ms. Rivera concluded her presentation by thanking the committee members that participated in the Paint Mission Beautiful project.

### **Other Business**

#### **A. Progress Reports- March 2024 Unofficial**

Mr. Sanchez presented the Unofficial Progress Reports for March 2024. He explained the expenditures received to date for the agencies, housing, and administration. He also mentioned the CDBG-CV expenditures for Emergency Assistance Program, Affordable Homes, and Fire Department. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza asked for a motion to approve the progress reports as presented. Mr. Villanueva motioned to approve the Progress Reports as presented. Vice-Chairwoman Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

#### **B. Chairman's Comments**

Chairman Garza stated he wasn't going to be available for next week's meeting, but Vice-Chair Lopez preside the meeting and he'll see everyone back at the following meeting.

#### **C. Committee Member's Comments**

Ms. Garcia mentioned that on Stewart and old 83 the railroad tracks had a big pothole in the middle of it. Ms. Longoria stated that she would take care of contacting the Railroad Commission as soon as possible.

**D. Director's Comments**

Ms. Longoria reminded everyone about the next Public Hearing Meeting at Marcell Elementary and to bring their binders with all the agencies/departments information regarding their requests.

**Adjourn**

Chairman Garza asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mendez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Villanueva seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.

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Lorenzo Garza, Chairman

## **CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**April 30, 2024**

### **Public Hearing**

#### **Members Present**

Zoreida Lopez, Vice-Chairwoman

Roxanne Mendez

Marsha Terry

Alma Garcia

Francisco Cadena

Monika Rosales-Flores

#### **Members Absent**

Lorenzo Garza, Chairman

Emigdio Villanueva, Jr.

Cynthia Pacheco

#### **Staff Present**

Jo Anne Longoria

Danny Sanchez

#### **Call Public Hearing to Order to Establish Quorum**

Vice-Chair Zoreida Lopez called Public Hearing to order at 5:36 pm. Ms. Jo Anne Longoria conducted roll call. She stated that six members were present therefore there was quorum.

#### **Citizens Participation**

Vice-Chair Lopez asked if there were any citizens present to discuss any items on the agenda or to express their concerns. With no one present, and no comments, she continued with the next item.

#### **Presentation on the Needs of City for Annual Action Plan FY 2024-2025**

Ms. Longoria stated that the purpose for this Public Hearing is for the public to express any comments or concerns they may have for the annual funding. Ms. Longoria went on to open the floor since there were no questions on the funding and she allowed the members to express their concerns. Ms. Marsha Terry inquired about the first responders in her neighborhood the other night. Ms. Longoria responded by stating that she would contact the Police Department to find out more information. Ms. Alma Garcia stated that there's still a pot hole in the railroad tracks on Old 83 and Stewart Rd. Ms. Longoria responded by stating that she would contact Texas Railroad Commission. After a brief discussion, Vice-Chair Lopez moved on to adjourn the Public Hearing.

#### **Adjourn**

Vice-Chair Lopez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Roxanne Mendez motioned to adjourn meeting. Ms. Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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Lorenzo Garza, Chairman

## **CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**May 14, 2024**

### **Joint Meeting**

#### **Members Present**

Zoreida Lopez, Vice-Chairwoman

Roxanne Mendez

Marsha Terry

Alma Garcia

Francisco Cadena

Monika Rosales-Flores

Emigdio Villanueva, Jr.

#### **Members Absent**

Lorenzo Garza, Chairman

Cynthia Pacheco

#### **Staff Present**

Jo Anne Longoria

#### **Others Present**

Mike Perez

Mayor Norie Garza

Ruben Plata

Jessica Ortega

Albert Vela

Marissa Gerlach

#### **Call Public Hearing to Order to Establish Quorum**

Vice-Chair Zoreida Lopez called Joint Meeting to order at 6:24 pm. Ms. Jo Anne Longoria conducted roll call. She stated that seven members were present therefore there was quorum.

#### **Citizens Participation**

Vice-Chair Lopez asked if there were any citizens present to discuss any items on the agenda or to express their concerns. With no one present, and no comments, she continued with the next item.

#### **Discussion and Recommendation on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding**

Mr. Mike Perez, City Manager explained that he recommends the city utilize Community Development Block Grant Program funds for other city projects that benefit more residents instead of a few families. He recommended to pivot funding from the Housing Assistance Program and allocate funds for infrastructure improvement projects which benefits more residents in the area than several families. Mayor and City Council members agreed that it was a good idea that the Community Development Department pursue other funding for housing and allocate funds towards infrastructure for the City of Mission. Mr. Perez asked Ms. Longoria to discuss what could be done with economic development projects. Ms. Longoria stated that micro enterprise and incubators could be assisted and the purpose to assist was to create and retain jobs. Mr. Perez also mentioned the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program which the city can request up to five times its allocation for numerous projects and could be repaid annually through CDBG allocations. Mayor Norie Garza asked Mr. Bentsen on his two proposed projects which he addressed. She also asked. Mr. Abel Bocanegra to elaborate on the infrastructure projects he proposed. Mr. Emigdio Villanueva Jr. mentioned that Mr. Bocanegra had identified possible funding by Precinct 3 for the infrastructure projects. After a brief discussion, Citizens Advisory Committee members agreed on the direction of the funding allocations for CDBG as proposed by Mike Perez, Mayor, and City Council members.

### **Adjourn**

Vice-Chairwoman Zoreida Lopez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Emigdio Villanueva Jr. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Alma Garcia seconded. Motion carried (8-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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Lorenzo Garza, Chairman

## **CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**May 14, 2024**  
**Public Hearing**

### **Members Present**

Lorenzo Garza, Chairman  
Zoreida Lopez, Vice-Chairwoman  
Roxanne Mendez  
Marsha Terry  
Alma Garcia  
Francisco Cadena  
Monika Rosales-Flores  
Emigdio Villanueva, Jr.

### **Members Absent**

Cynthia Pacheco

### **Staff Present**

Jo Anne Longoria

### **Other Staff Present**

J.P. Terrazas  
Brad Bentsen  
Abel Bocanegra

### **Call Public Hearing to Order to Establish Quorum**

Chairman Lorenzo Garza called Public Hearing to order at 5:30 pm. Ms. Jo Anne Longoria conducted roll call. She stated that eight members were present therefore there was quorum.

### **Citizens Participation**

Chairman Garza asked if there were any citizens present to discuss any items on the agenda or to express their concerns. Chairman Garza allowed Mr. Abel Bocanegra to present the Needs of the City for Public Works request.

Mr. Abel Bocanegra, Engineering Director/City Engineer presented the **Bryan Road Improvement Project** request for \$5,271,434.13 as the areas on Bryan Road between Business 83 and 495 are outdated. Mr. Bocanegra went on to say that this project would benefit the community as it is recognized as a main corridor. Mr. Bocanegra is also requesting \$4,793,268.65 for the **Holland Road Improvement Project**. He stated that this project would address the street, drainage, and utility improvements for residents in the area. He also elaborated that Holland Road requires to be updated to serve the residents. Mr. Bocanegra requested \$1,870,702.50 for **La Cuchilla Storm Drainage** to improve its drainage system to upgrade the drainage system for the residents of the area. Mr. Bocanegra requested \$2,993,634.05 for **Bryan Road Reconstruction Project** to include paving for residents in the area. Mr. Bocanegra also mention that Precinct 3 would be able to provide additional funding because the service area overlaps between the precinct and the city. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza thanked Mr. Bocanegra for his presentations.

### **Presentation on the Needs of City for Annual Action Plan FY 2024-2025**

Chairman Garza called on Parks and Recreation for their presentation.

**City of Mission- Parks and Recreation Department**

**Astroland- Phase II Playground Equipment**

Chairman Garza called on Parks and Recreation Department Mr. Brad Bentsen Parks and Recreation Director presented the request for \$229,125.00 and provided an illustration of a 10-year master plan for Astroland Park requesting. He went ahead and stated that the project is being broken down into different phases with Phase I establishing the restrooms and swings. He stated that Phase II would have a children's playground in the shape of a space rocket with a carpeted indoor type of grass for children to play safely. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza thanked Mr. Bentsen for his presentation and continued with the next department.

**Adjourn**

Chairman Garza asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Emigdio Villanueva Jr. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Alma Garcia seconded. Motion carried (8-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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Lorenzo Garza, Chairman