

**CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**June 27, 2023**  
**Public Hearing/Regular Meeting**

**Members Present**

Lorenzo Garza  
Roxanne Mendez  
Alma Garcia  
Zoreida Lopez  
Victor Anzaldua  
Cynthia Pacheco

**Members Absent**

Alex Guerra

**Staff Present**

Jo Anne Longoria  
Esther G. Rivera  
Helen Torres

**Guest Present**

Valeria Vega  
Frank Cadena  
Irma Lopez  
Esther Salinas  
Augusto Contreras  
Belen Gonzalez  
Olivia Gaona  
Jesusita Mendez  
Oton Guerrero  
Brad Bentsen  
Dee Ochoa

**Call Public Hearing/Regular Meeting to Order**

Chairman Lorenzo Garza called the Public Hearing to order at 5:31 p.m. Ms. Jo Anne Longoria conducted roll call. She stated six members were present, therefore there was a quorum.

**Citizens Participation**

Chairman Garza asked if there were any citizens present to discuss any items on the agenda or to express their concerns on this Public Hearing.

1. Ms. Valeria Vega express concerns with the lack of sidewalks in La Cuchilla Neighborhood being a health and safety issue.
2. Ms. Jesusita Mendez express concerns with the public pools not offering senior citizens discounts and services.
3. Ms. Olivia Gaona express concerns with the light pole damaged during the storm in El Rosario Homes neighborhood and they have been without the street light.

Chairman Garza thanked everyone and he continued with the next item. No action was taken.

**Discussion and Recommendation on DRAFT Five Year Consolidated Plan & Strategy 2023-2027 Proposed Annual Action Plan FY 2023-2024**

Ms. Longoria mentioned the notice was published in the newspaper advising the public of two (2) Public Hearings to solicit input on the needs of the city. The first Public Hearing was held on June 12<sup>th</sup> and the second on June 27<sup>th</sup> of the DRAFT Five Year Consolidated Plan & Strategy 2023-2027 Proposed Annual Action Plan FY 2023-2024, with an allocation funding of \$962,344. She then highlighted funding recommendations for Public Service Agencies totaling \$57,000, as follows: ADV \$30,000; Area Agency on Aging \$2,000; CAMP University \$3,000; Comfort House \$3,000; HOPE Medical Services \$3,000; Children's Advocacy Center \$15,000; Silver Ribbon \$1,000; Affordable Homes of South Texas \$80,000; Housing Rehab \$25,000; Housing Recon \$512,581; Housing Administration \$103,833; and Program Administration \$183,930. Public comments were received from six (6) residents regarding the requested funding for Astroland Park improvements for restrooms, water fountains, and playground. Mr. Augusto

Contreras & Ms. Belen Gonzalez express concerns with the funding recommendations for Togive International nonprofit organization to provide children with fine arts education and training classes such as dance, visual art, theatre, or music. One (1) agencies express concern on the funding recommendation for Silver Ribbon for FY 2023/2024. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza continue with the next item. No action was taken.

#### **Call to Close Public Hearing and Open Regular Meeting**

Chairman Garza closed the Public Hearing and opened the Regular Meeting at 6:13 p.m.

#### **Citizen's Participation**

Chairman Garza asked if there were any citizens present that wanted to express their concerns at this Regular Meeting. With no one present and no comments, he continued with the next agenda item.

#### **Discussion and Recommendation to Approve Minutes for Special Meeting held on May 25, 2023**

Ms. Helen Torres presented the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 25, 2023. There being no questions or comments, Chairman Garza asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Cynthia Pacheco motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Vice-chairwoman Zoreida Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0)

#### **Presentation on Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Phase 22-I**

Ms. Esther Rivera presented a PowerPoint on Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Phase 22-I. She showed the construction phase for the five projects: 209 E. Melba Carter Road at 79% complete; 128 S. Slabaugh Avenue at 87% complete; 213 Del Mar Street at 77% complete; 969 N. Los Ebanos Road at 72% complete; 415 N. Slabaugh Avenue at 87% complete. She presented the three upcoming projects for HAP Phase 22-II. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza continue with the next agenda item. No action was taken.

#### **Presentation on Emergency Assistance Program (EAP)**

Ms. Rivera presented a PowerPoint on Emergency Assistance Program (EAP). She stated the eighth "One Stop Shop" event scheduled on April 19, 2023, three (3) households attended and on the ninth "One Stop Shop" event scheduled on May 24, 2023, four (4) households attended. In addition, Ms. Rivera mentioned staff reached out to churches, home health cares offices, and adult daycares in the City of Mission to distribute information about the program. Ms. Rivera provided a flyer of the next "One Stop Shop" event scheduled on July 19, 2023 at the Community Development Office from 9am-12pm. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza continued with the next item. No action was taken.

#### **Other Business**

##### **A. Progress Report – May 2023**

Ms. Torres presented the Unofficial Progress Report for May 2023. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza asked for a motion to approve the progress report. Ms. Pacheco motioned to approve the progress reports. Ms. Alma Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0).

**B. Discussion on Ethic's Training**

Chairman Garza mentioned the ethics training can be held during the next Regular Meeting on July 11, 2023. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza asked for a motion to approve to schedule the Ethic's Training on July 11, 2023. Ms. Pacheco motioned to approve to schedule the Ethic's Training on July 11, 2023. Mr. Victor Anzaldua seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6-0).

**C. Chairman's Comments**

Chairman Garza thanked everyone for their participation.

**D. Committee Member's Comments**

All members present wished everyone Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July Day. No other comments were made by the members present.

**Adjourn**

Chairman Garza asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Anzaldua motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Garcia seconded. Motion carried (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

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Lorenzo Garza, Chairman