

CITY OF COMMERCE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD MAY 10, 2018, 6:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chairperson Peraza called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Flag Salute and Invocation

Chairperson Peraza led the flag salute and invocation.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Peraza, Baker, Gonzalez, Viesca

Commissioner Not Present: Equihua, Jr.

Staff Present: Liaison Tilley, Admin. Acting Clerk Garcia

Staff Not Present: Admin. Asst. Meneses

Public Comment

None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Viesca motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 8, 2018. Chairperson Peraza seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion. Yays: Peraza, Baker, Gonzalez, Viesca. Nays: None. Not Present to vote: Equihua, Jr. The November minutes were tabled.

2. **Homeless Efforts and Homeless Ad Hoc Committee Update**

Liaison Tilley provided a brief update on current efforts and noted questions the Commission had: Is Commerce residency required for members? Is a Livescan or background check of members necessary? How many committee members are allowed? What is the status of member Daniel Cortez? Liaison Tilley will provide answers once she speaks with our City Clerk. The Commission was informed that member Sandra Jimenez resigned from the committee.

3. **Spring Cleanup Event Update**

Liaison Tilley reported that the event was a success. Aside from City staff, several volunteers assisted at various sites where residents were allowed to drop off old items, trash, electrical equipment, tires, and paper to shred. Many residents participated by taking their items for disposal.

4. **Conferences for Commissioners**

Liaison Tilley informed the Commissioners of a 5 day training titled Basic Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. Some Commissioners may not be able to attend a 5 day course, due to work or other commitments. Staff will continue researching, including conferences to be held during the next fiscal year.

5. **Staff Reports**

Liaison Tilley reported the following:

- **Neighborhood Watch Meeting** – Will be held at 6:30 p.m. as follows: Thurs., 5/17, at Cowlin/Gafford; Wed., 5/30 at Hepworth/Leonis. On Wed., 5/23 Public Safety is on the agenda for the United Family of Bristow Meeting.
- **Community Job Fair** – Will be held Wed., 5/23 from 2pm-5:30pm, in the Rosewood Park Meeting Room.
- **Rabies Clinic** – Will be held Wed., June 6th, from 6:30pm - 8pm, at Rosewood Park.
- **Summer Kick Off Event** - Will be held 6/15, 6pm-10pm at Rosewood Park
- **Task Force Committee Meeting Change** – The Task Force Committee will meet quarterly instead of monthly. The next meeting will be held Wed., July 11th at 3pm in the Community Services Conference Room. Commissioners asked if the meeting time could be changed to 4 or 5pm. Liaison Tilley will check and notify the Commission.

8. **Commission Reports**

Commissioner Viesca reported the following:

- He attended a Neighborhood Watch Meeting and more parking was needed. Staff should consider this for future meetings.
- The CSO Program is not taken serious and is not functioning the way it should. Night patrol is needed.
- The panhandling signs are a positive action.

Commissioner Gonzalez reported the following:

- He attended the March United Family of Bristow meeting.
- The CSA's should have radios
- Two CSO's were seen at Bristow Park, not patrolling. Too many are often seen together.
- Asked for an item about Stop Signs at Dunham & McDonnell to be placed on a future agenda
- Sheriff's are rarely seen patrolling

- Asked that Recognition of Residents be placed on a future agenda

Vice-Chairperson Baker reported the following:

- The speed bumps placed in the Bandini area are a positive action
- There is concern about car break-ins. Sheriff's are taking too long to take reports.
- Suggestions and solutions should be taken on how to address panhandlers, for example paying them to do small jobs.

Chairperson Peraza reported the following:

- He attended the Cinco de Mayo event

Items for next or future agenda:

- An update on the letter to Council regarding adding a CSO to conduct evening patrol only
- Update on break-in of cars
- Recognition of residents who beautify the community
- Stop Sign at Dunham/McDonnell
- Commission Conferences
- Recognition of Dr. Juan Casillas, for Rabies Clinic participation
- Code on Lewd and Lascivious Acts
- Sheriff's Crime Stats Report

Adjournment

7:58 p.m. - Chairperson Peraza adjourned the meeting.