

**CITY OF COMMERCE**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2019, 6:30 P.M.**  
**City Council Chambers**

Call to Order

Vice-Chairperson Baker called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Flag Salute and Invocation

Commissioner Viesca led the flag salute and invocation.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Baker, Acosta, Equihua, Jr., Gonzalez, Viesca

Commissioners Not Present: None

Staff Present: Liaison Shumway, Clerk Meneses

Staff Not Present: None

Public Comment

None

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**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting were tabled.

2. **Commission Reorganization**

For Chairperson: Steve Viesca nominated Ulysses Gonzalez. Carl Baker nominated himself. Yay votes for Gonzalez: Equihua, Jr., Gonzalez, Viesca. Nay votes for Gonzalez: Acosta, Baker. New Chairperson: Ulysses Gonzalez.

For Vice-Chairperson: Steve Equihua, Jr. nominated Steve Viesca. Steve Viesca nominated Steve Equihua, Jr. Yay votes for Viesca: Acosta, Equihua Jr., Gonzalez, Viesca. Nay votes: None. Abstained: Acosta. New Vice-Chairperson: Steve Viesca.

3. **Discussion and Direction Regarding the Neighborhood Watch Program**

Ralph Vivero stated that Neighborhood Watch Meetings are held "as needed." Residents requested the Block Captain Program start up again. A planning meeting will be held for National Night Out 2019. Staff will revise the existing list to see who is still interested in being a Block Captain.

4. **Discussion of strategies to enhance the National Night Out 2019 Event**

Following a lengthy discussion, these ideas were presented: Reduce number of parties; all party hosts should be Block Captains; lottery system to select parties; have parties at the 4 City parks; combine this event with the Safety Fair; hold event at 1 location; a structure for all parties; have a hierarchy of neighborhoods; more inclusion for participants; more social media promotion.

This discussion will continue at the February meeting and a status on the Block Captain list will be provided. The Commission's suggestions will be given to our City Council.

5. **Staff Reports**

Liaison Shumway reported the following:

- **RV's Operation Tonight** – At the Council's request, operation is to address issues associated with people living in RV's. Displaced persons will be given shelters. No overnight parking signs will be approved by Council soon for some locations.
- **Homeless Count** – Will be held 1/23/19. The City applied for a grant to address homelessness issues.
- **New ELA Sheriff's Station Captain** – Captain Chavez will be introduced at the next Council meeting.
- **2 New CSO's** – Recently hired are Rey Lozano and Cristian Alvarez
- **Rosewood School Crossing Guard** – was removed by school. Our CSA's are being reassigned to cover this location.
- **Holiday Cheer Program** – was a success.

6. **Commission Reports**

Commissioner Equihua Jr. had nothing to report.

Commissioner Baker stated that:

- A hierarchy in neighborhoods is needed for Neighborhood Watch .

Commissioner Acosta reported the following:

- Requested the Sheriff's report on the person run over on Ferguson Dr.  
\*\*We cannot provide, since it is confidential and involved a fatality.
- The new stop sign at Gaspar/Ferguson is at the wrong location. The initial request was for a different location. Requested the engineering report.
- Requested an application to nominate a Veteran friend for the Military Banner Program

Vice-Chairperson Viesca reported the following:

- He participated as a judge in the Christmas home decorating contest
- He received a complaint of no parking on Washington Blvd.

Chairperson Gonzalez reported the following:

- He attended the Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Jillson/Wilma. A complaint was that the CSO and ACO after hours numbers were not working. \*They have been fixed.
- He suggested we have a website link for CSO & ACO non-emergency reports. \*\*A new website was approved which will have that capability.
- Requested we bring back the Safety Fair and possibly combine it with another event to cut costs.

### **Adjournment**

7:55 p.m., Chairperson Gonzalez adjourned the meeting.