

**CITY OF COMMERCE**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD JUNE 13, 2019, 6:30 P.M.**  
**City Council Chambers**

Call to Order

Chairperson Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Flag Salute and Invocation

Commissioner Baker led the flag salute and invocation.

Roll Call

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

Commissioners Not Present: None

Staff Present: Liaison Rene Bobadilla, Clerk Meneses

Staff Not Present: None

Public Comment

None

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**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Acosta motioned to approve minutes of the meeting held March 14, 2019. Vice Chairperson Viesca seconded the motion. Motion passed. Yays: Acosta, Viesca, Equihua Jr., Baker, Gonzalez. Nays: None.

Rene Bobadilla, Assistant City Manager/Liaison, introduced himself, spoke of his background, and of projects he's working on for the City and the Public Safety Division.

**2. Discussion - Side Street Parking Issues Related to Stevens Steak House Patrons**

Commissioner Baker requested this item. Seung Yang, Deputy Dir. of Engineering Services, provided some background. In 2016, an Ad Hoc Committee was created and possible solutions were identified. A temporary fence was being installed on Fitzgerald, but residents complained and installation stopped. In 2018 a survey was conducted, and resulted in a low response. No further activity has occurred and no additional complaints were received. Patrol will continue in the area.

**3. Discussion - City Wide Public Safety & Community Services Survey**

Chairperson Gonzalez requested this item. He'd like feedback from residents about services, programs, and what enhancements can be added to our department. Liaison Bobadilla stated that a City wide survey will be conducted soon and questions related to our department can be added. The Commission can provide input on the questions. Commissioner Acosta suggested that Commissioners, ComCats, and residents assist with the survey.

4. **Discussion – Community Outreach by the City's Community Services Officers**

Commissioner Gonzalez requested this item. He wants CSO's to engage more with residents, such as handing out stickers to kids and talk to residents. He asked if CSO's can follow-up with residents who call after hours for services. Vice-Chairperson Viesca suggested a "Hello & Wave" campaign. Liaison Bobadilla needs more time to restructure and improve the division.

5. **Staff Reports**

Liaison Bobadilla reported the following:

- **Dept. Move** – This was part of a future larger move. The North Annex and Transportation may be used for housing. The existing City Hall is not ideal for conducting business.
- **CSA's Summer Break** – School is ending for summer break. Some CSA's will assist with the Social Services Summer Lunch Program.
- **RV & Homeless Situation** – City staff & Sheriff's continue to enforce. Signs were posted for No Overnight Parking & No Dwelling in Vehicles.
- **Block Captains Update** – A meeting will be held soon to plan for National Night Out.
- **Community Job Fair** – Was held in May. 17 employers and 50-60 job seekers attended. To date, 3 positions were filled.

5. **Commission Reports**

Commissioner Acosta reported/stated:

- Requested a copy of the approved budget *\*\*It will be provided after it's approved*
- Requested a status on hiring a director for the dept. *\*\*Discussions are being held about future restructuring. Information will be presented when it's available.*
- Requested to meet the CSO's. *\*\*Those on duty will be introduced at the next meeting*
- Her neighbors received the Rabies Clinic flyer at last minute
- She's concerned about the Neighborhood Watch & ComCat Programs. She requested future NW meeting dates. Inquired if the ComCats will assist at the summer festival.
- The LDA is going to Washington to advocate against high cost medications *\*\*She will email the information to Maria*

Commissioner Equihua, Jr. reported/stated:

- It's great that Rene Bobadilla is here, to offer structure & accountability
- He has not observed Code Enforcement patrolling for years. Code Officers should patrol more to identify violations. *\*\*There are apps where field reports could be accepted and followed up on.*

Commissioner Baker reported/stated:

- Issues of exhibitionism were reported on social media, such as Stevens' patrons doing things in cars and urinating outside.
- Illegal fireworks have started in the Bandini area.
- Parking is a problem because several families live together. People have been threatening each other.
- Inquired if we are meeting our metrics. Agrees that perception is important & employees in uniform must represent the City well.

Vice-Chairperson Viesca reported/stated:

- How will the dept. move affect the Commission?
- Requested crime stats & the times of occurrence, to see if CSO's can have continuous patrol. *\*\*R. Bobadilla is working with LASD to obtain metrics, build trust between the community/staff/LASD, and identify where more patrol is needed.*
- He attended the Cannabis Job Fair and it was well attended.
- He is holding a cleaning event and obtained supplies from Parks Dept.
- Businesses along Washington Blvd. have weeds *\*\*Commissioner Acosta mentioned a goat program to eat the weeds.*
- Having a parking structure at Stevens is a great idea, or to shuttle people from another parking lot.

Chairperson Gonzalez reported/stated:

- There is an abandoned lot near Triggs. *\*\*The goal is to demo the house*
- Inquired about the status of Block Captain Meetings. Requested the Commission be notified of future meetings.
- Code Enforcement should visit the businesses on Washington, West of Atlantic
- Likes the idea of an app to report field issues
- Sidewalk on Noakes/Triggs (under 710 Fwy) is missing concrete chunks
- Fence on Atlantic is falling off, South of Mixmaster on 5 Fwy overpass
- Excited to have Rene Bobadilla on board

### Adjournment

7:51 p.m., Chairperson Gonzalez adjourned the meeting.