

CITY OF COMMERCE
SPECIAL NEEDS COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 2019, 6:30 P. M.
Council Chambers

Call to Order

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

Flag Salute and Invocation

Commissioner Madrigal

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Madrigal; Cisneros; Bojorquez

Staff Present: Liaison Moyra Garcia; Senior Office Specialist, Liz Chavez

Not Present: Lozano-Gonzalez and Villa

Public Comment

None

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bojorquez motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 21, 2019. Commissioner Madrigal seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

2. Special Needs Recognition Program

Commissioner Madrigal asked the Commissioners if they had any ideas for guidelines for the Recognition program. Commissioner Bojorquez suggested that nominations should be for anyone and it should be accessible to nominate someone online as well. Liaison Garcia mentioned that the Council Members were okay with the idea to recognize someone for doing a good deed. She asked the Commissioners to decide whether it would be on a once a year basis or on a quarterly basis. Commissioner Madrigal and Commissioner Bojorquez liked the idea of doing it on a quarterly basis. Commissioner Madrigal suggested to recognize more than one person and she asked the Commissioners how they felt about it.

Commissioner Bojorquez and Commissioner Cisneros agreed that it would be better to start with one person and see how it works out, then the Commission could bring it up for discussion on whether or not to recognize more than one person.

Commissioner Cisneros mentioned that it should be someone who has been extraordinary and deserving of being recognized. Liaison Garcia mentioned that the Commission would have to decide on who would be doing the nominating and when they would like to begin. Commissioner Madrigal stated that it doesn't have to be a resident, it could be a person who has done above and beyond and would like to start it before the year is over. Commissioner Bojorquez suggested doing it on a quarterly basis, which would be in December. Liaison Garcia stated that they could discuss the nominees at the next meeting in October.

Commissioner Madrigal made a motion to add the discussion of nominees at the next meeting in October so they could discuss who they would like to nominate. Commissioner Bojorquez seconded. Motion passed.

She suggested that they could present the nominee with a Certificate and invite them to a Special Needs Commission meeting. Commissioner Cisneros asked if they could have shirts acknowledging what they are being recognized for. Liaison Garcia said she would ask the Parks and Recreation department.

3. Staff Reports

Liaison Garcia gave reminded the Commissioners about the Deaf Awareness booth at the Aquatorium on September 24, 2019, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Janelle, who has a daughter who is deaf, is organizing the event. She will give out information and hand out goodies and a story book will be read in sign language.

She also shared with the Commission about the Human IT Computer program for residents who qualify. Must be low income and register with the Social Services Division.

Commissioner Cisneros reported the following:

She attended the Council meeting and was very impressed by the decorations. Janelle's daughter took a picture by the decorations and was so excited. She also attended the viewing of the movie, "The Public," held at the Library and she said it was a great movie and really enjoyed it. She stated that there is an organization that has a website where you can report where the homeless are located. They are also working on an Application so you can download it to your phone.

Commissioner Bojorquez reported the following:

Nothing to report.

Commissioner Madrigal reported the following:

Commissioner Madrigal stated that people in general are going through so many things and it would be great to recognize a resident or anyone who has done above and beyond to help someone out.

Adjournment

Chairperson Madrigal adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Next Special Needs Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019.