

**AGENDA  
CITY OF WHITTIER  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET  
MARCH 5, 2019, 6:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Marisol Enriquez-Santos, Chair  
Jose Luevano, Vice Chair  
Loletta Barrett, Commissioner  
Carlos Illingworth, Commissioner  
Kathleen McDonnell, Commissioner

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**5. STAFF REPORTS**

**5.A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2018.

**5.B. 2019-20 SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING**

Recommendation: Discuss proposed allocations and make recommendations to City Council regarding 2019-20 Social Services Funding.

**5.C. UPDATE ON CITY OF WHITTIER HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Recommendation: Receive and file update on City of Whittier Homeless Plan implementation.

**6. SECRETARY COMMENTS**

**7. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS/CONFERENCE REPORTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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/s/ Sheryl Dugas

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Sheryl Dugas, Administrative Secretary



# Agenda Report

Social Services Commission

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**Date:** March 5, 2019

**To:** Social Services Commission

**From:** Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

**Subject:** Approval of Minutes

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2018.

## **BACKGROUND**

None

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff prepared draft minutes and hereby submits the minutes for Commission's approval.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

A. Minutes of the Regular Minutes of December 4, 2018.

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF WHITTIER**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Social Services Commission of the City of Whittier met in Regular Session in the Whittier City Hall Council Chambers, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California. Chair Enriquez-Santos called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marisol Enriquez-Santos, Chair  
 Jose Luevano, Vice Chair  
 Loletta Barrett, Commissioner (arrived 6:36 p.m.)  
 Carlos Illingworth, Commissioner  
 Kathleen McDonnell, Commissioner

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and  
 Community Services  
 Martin Browne, Community Services Manager  
 Rosemary Serrano-Aiken, Secretary

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Illingworth led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Isabel Davila, Community Liaison Coordinator with The Whole Child addressed the Commission regarding the Imagine Whittier “Join the Movement to End Family Homelessness” program. She explained this is a program that attempts to end the cycle of family homelessness by mobilizing and guiding volunteer mentors, and collaboratively bringing together public and private resources, with community leaders who understand homelessness. The Whole Child’s professional staff trains and guides volunteer mentors, who work in a 2 to 7 person team, to help a vulnerable family maintain housing, achieve self-sufficiency, and thrive. Each mentor commits to in-person meetings with a family member twice monthly and calls or send a text message once a week for 12 to 18 months. The Whole Child – Imagine Whittier is seeking volunteers to be a vital part of a family’s journey. She added there are three ways to apply: via the website at [www.thewholechild.info](http://www.thewholechild.info), email at [idavila@thewholechild.info](mailto:idavila@thewholechild.info), or by calling 562-758-4335.

## **5. STAFF REPORTS**

### **5. A APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner McDonnell, seconded by Vice Chair Luevano, and carried 4-0 (Absent: Commissioner Barrett) to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2018 as presented.

Commission Barrett arrived at 6:36 p.m. and took her seat.

### **5. B UPDATE ON CITY OF WHITTIER HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Community Services Manager Browne announced the following homeless activities.

- At the Christmas Sonata, Annie's Bakery and Café sold cookies for \$2, with \$1 of the proceeds going to the Whittier Homeless Consortium.
- The Boys and Girls Club are offering free membership to homeless youth.
- Community Services Manager Browne announced he is part of a student subcommittee of the Whittier Homeless Consortium trying to help the estimated 2,500 homeless students in grades K–12 in the City.
- The Assistance League of Whittier has a dental program that charges only \$10 per dental visit for youth in grades K–12.
- The Rotary Club helped organize a bingo and raffle fundraiser on November 28 at the Brookdale senior living facility on Philadelphia Street, which raised \$1,980 to assist some homeless Whittier College and Rio Hondo College students.
- The Interfaith Community Food Bank is now working with the local school districts to distribute canned food to families in need.
- Whittier First Day had a successful 'Socktober fundraiser event and collected over 2,000 pairs of socks.
- The City is now able to provide transit METRO TAP cards at a 50% reduced rate program for the homeless.
- The Whole Child has recently received a grant to expand their 'Imagine Whittier' mentoring program to fund another 20 families for 18 months. The Whole Child has taken a housing proposal to the City of Santa Fe Springs to develop a four-acre lot for bridge housing and permanent support housing possibly in 2021.
- There are now three shower programs in the area: Steinmetz Park in Hacienda Heights run by Whittier First Day on Mondays; Liberty Plaza on the second and third Fridays run by Whittier First Day and Whittier Narrows run by Lava Mae.
- Whittier First Day are trying to start a shower program in the City; however, there are potential issues with any chosen site's Conditional Use Permit (CUP) which may require a revised planning permit and a public hearing.
- Each year Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado provides a community dinner for 150-200 people and honors a local non-profit agency. This year he has selected Whittier First Day. The event will take place on December 15 at the Boys and Girls Club.

- The scheduled day for the annual Point-in-Time homeless count for the City is October 19, 2019 and volunteers are welcome.
- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), Whittier First Day, and the Whittier Homeless Consortium will be developing job-training events.
- The City recently submitted two grant applications to the County in the amount of \$300,000 each. The money will be used for hotel/motel vouchers for 30-days, the leasing of homes, and the development of the homeless plan.
- Community Services Manager Browne shared a Whittier First Day success story about a woman who had been homeless for several years. Staff provided a mentor who helped her with budgeting and spending control. They found her a home in Huntington Park. The process and paperwork took seven months. He shared another Whittier First Day success story about a client who received bridge housing and qualified for general relief. They assigned him a new attorney and he received SSDI within a few months.

Chair Enriquez-Santos stated many people are unaware of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals ruling stating the homeless cannot be removed from parks unless there is illegal activity involved.

Commissioner McDonnell asked if LAHSA teams have started at the Whittier Depot. Secretary Alaniz replied not yet; they have the keys for the Depot and the City is ready for them to begin.

It was moved by Commissioner McDonnell, seconded by Commissioner Illingworth, and carried 5-0 to receive and file the update on the City of Whittier Homeless Plan Implementation.

#### **5. C INFORMATION AND REFERRAL REPORT**

Commissioners reviewed the Information and Referral Report.

It was moved by Commissioner Illingworth, seconded by Vice Chair Luevano, and carried 5-0 to receive and file the Information and Referral Report for September – November 2018.

#### **5. D WHITTIER VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

Chair Enrique-Santos commented the program was very nice; short and sweet. Many Commissioners commented that it was well scripted and thanked staff for writing the honoree biographies and introductions for Commissioners. A few Commissioners suggested more chairs be placed at next year's event. Commissioner McDonnell recommended speaking with the agencies about flowers for the event so that it is easier for the honorees.

It was moved by Commissioner McDonnell, seconded by Vice Chair Luevano, and carried 5-0 to receive and file the report regarding the Whittier Volunteer Recognition Program.

## **6. SECRETARY COMMENTS**

Secretary Alaniz announced the following:

- City Hall will be closed from 12 noon on Friday, December 21, 2018 through Tuesday, January 1, 2019. He will be checking his email if Commissioners need to communicate with him.
- He distributed to each Commissioner a glass with the new Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) logo filled with holiday candy.
- All were wished happy holidays.

## **7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Luevano thanked everyone for wonderful Whittier Volunteer Recognition Program. He said Community Services Manager Browne is doing a great job with the implementation of the Whittier Homeless Plan.

Commissioner Barrett asked when the deadline is for the homeless grant process. Community Services Manager, Martin Browne, replied the deadline is December 16, 2018.

Commissioner Illingworth remarked he is interested in the Whittier Consortium jobs program; this component can make a big difference in people's lives.

Chair Enriquez-Santos remarked most homeless cannot get jobs due to their criminal record or lack of paperwork. She added she attended the inauguration of the new LAC Sheriff, Alex Villanueva.

Secretary Alaniz mentioned the City partnered with an agency known as College Hospitals to provide two "Effective Contact with Mentally Ill Citizens" training for frontline personnel field staff on Thursday, November 29.

Secretary Alaniz mentioned the next SSC meeting is January 2, 2019, since New Year's Day is on the first Tuesday of the month.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Enriquez-Santos adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Social Services Commission on \_\_\_\_\_.

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GREG ALANIZ, Secretary



# Agenda Report

Social Services Commission

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**Date:** March 5, 2019

**To:** Social Services Commission

**From:** Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

**Subject:** 2019-20 Social Services Funding

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Discuss proposed allocations and make recommendations to City Council regarding 2019-20 Social Services Funding.

## **BACKGROUND**

Annually, City Council allocates funds to aid local non-profit agencies with funding for various social services programs with a priority for proposals that have an emphasis on homeless services and housing.

## **DISCUSSION**

Applications were presented to Commission for review to make recommendations regarding funding for various social services programs.

For Fiscal Year 2019-20 Social Services Funding, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department received 26 applications from local non-profit agencies. Staff prepared Social Services Funding application binders for Commissioner's review and recommendations.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

For the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Social Services Funding, approximately \$274,000 has been allocated for distribution.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None





# Agenda Report

Social Services Commission

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**Date:** March 5, 2019

**To:** Social Services Commission

**From:** Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

**Subject:** Update on City of Whittier Homeless Plan Implementation

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file update on City of Whittier Homeless Plan implementation.

## **BACKGROUND**

At the July 24, 2018 City Council Meeting, Council adopted the City of Whittier Homeless Plan.

The homeless plan provides a framework, and establishes four goals with supporting action items, for preventing and combatting homelessness over the next three years. The plan includes key supporting actions the city has undertaken to improve existing services and programs, increase service access, identify and strengthen local and regional partnerships, and provide outreach and information to the community regarding homelessness. The plan includes ideas from the two consultants who worked on the plan, Whittier Police Department, Whittier First Day, Social Services Commissioners, and comments from the community meetings, community surveys, and stakeholder interviews. The plan recognizes the need for additional resources to address the homeless issues in the city, and to provide information to the community on the work being done. Metrics for each goal have been set, as appropriate, in coordination with the County and homeless prevention experts over the course of the life of the plan.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff will update Commission on City of Whittier Homeless Plan implementation.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None