

**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET
JULY 2, 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 June 4, 2019.

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

Recommendation: Receive and file update on Homeless Plan implementation.

5.C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION PRESENTATION

Recommendation: Receive and file update on Community Services Division's presentation focusing on Contract Classes.

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

7. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS/CONFERENCE REPORTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Regular and Adjourned Regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Dated this 28th day of June 2019.

/s/ Rosemary Serrano-Aiken

Rosemary Serrano-Aiken, Secretary



Agenda Report

Social Services Commission

Date: July 2, 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 June 4, 2019.

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2019

**MINUTES
CITY OF WHITTIER
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET
JUNE 4, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Enriquez-Santos called the regular meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Whittier City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Marisol Enriquez-Santos, Chair
Jose Luevano, Vice Chair
Loletta Barrett, Commissioner
Carlos Illingworth, Commissioner

ABSENT: Kathleen McDonnell, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Martin Browne, Community Services Manager
Justin Steele, Community Services Supervisor
Ryhan Cordova, Community Services Coordinator
Sheryl Dugas, Administrative Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Luevano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. STAFF REPORTS

5. A Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Vice Chair Luevano, seconded by Commissioner Barrett, and carried 4 – 0 (Absent: Commissioner McDonnell) to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 Regular meeting.

5. B 2019 Volunteer Recognition Program Nomination Brochure

Secretary Alaniz presented a draft nomination brochure for Commission review. He noted that Commission's comments, and revisions, regarding the 2018 form have been included in the 2019 draft. Commission requested the font used for the "headings" be changed to a more legible font. Commissioner Illingworth questioned how the nomination forms would be distributed to the various non-profit agencies, beside actually mailing or handing out hard copies. Secretary Alaniz noted that there

would be a press release, announcements made on cable channel 3, and through social media, as well as forms mailed to the agencies that have received Social Services funding in the past. Commission will review and discuss nominations at the October meeting. Agencies and nominees will be notified of Commission's decision as soon as possible.

It was moved by Commissioner Illingworth, seconded by Vice Chair Luevano, and carried 4 – 0 (Absent: Commissioner McDonnell) to approve the Volunteer Recognition Program nomination brochure, and direct staff to proceed with distribution.

5. C Update on City of Whittier Homeless Plan Implementation

Community Services Manager, Martin Browne, reported on the results of the Los Angeles County "point in time" homeless count. It was announced that there was a 12% overall increase for Los Angeles County, from 52,765 to 58,936. The City of Los Angeles reported an increase of 16%, to 36,300. Whittier is included in the Service Planning Area (SPA) 7 count that increased from 4,569 to 5,040 individuals. It was noted that some of the issues are the shortage of available housing units, and affordability. Community Services Manager Browne stated that 500,000 additional homes are needed in Los Angeles County, and many people are still living paycheck to paycheck. He reported that the number of families experiencing homelessness has increased by 6.4%, students by 24%, seniors by 8%, and people living in vehicles by 5%. There was a slight decrease in the number of homeless veterans counted. Community Services Manager Browne reported that 21,631 people went into permanent housing in the past year, and that 92% of those housed in 2017-18 have stayed. Vice Chair Luevano questioned what contributed to this successful outcome. Community Services Manager Browne, stated that it was due to "wrap around" services, which include many people and many services supporting the individuals. He noted that the count specifically for Whittier will be announced at next month's Commission meeting. Secretary Alaniz noted that there were less volunteers assisting with the count this year. Community Services Manager Browne noted that some volunteer groups counted multiple areas.

Secretary Alaniz reported that the City Council has formed an ad hoc homeless subcommittee with Council Members Bouchot and Warner, to review the 2019/2020 Social Services funding applications. They may propose funding only programs that provide immediate housing. Community Services Manager Browne reported that the City is considering use of a 2.8 acre, city-owned lot on Esperanza Street for a possible shelter. There is a City owned water transmission line located under the property, which may have to be relocated. The City has submitted a grant application seeking \$300,000 to hire a consultant to determine the feasibility of such a project. Results of the grant application are due at the beginning of July. Chair Enriquez-Santos questioned Whittier's participation in the ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) program. Commissioner Barrett questioned if there have been issues with zoning related to ADUs. Community Services Manager Browne noted that Whittier's Planning Department receives approximately 12 inquiries per month however he is unaware of how many have been built so far. Community Services Manager Browne advised that

the City would be resubmitting a \$28,000 grant application requesting funding to create a program to assist with job training, mentoring, and job placement. Vice Chair Luevano questioned if this would be a “stand alone” program or a joint program working with outside agencies. Community Services Manager Browne noted that David Gonzales, of the Whittier Consortium on Homelessness, has voiced interest in developing such a program. The Uptown Association and Whittier Chamber of Commerce have also voiced their willingness to help with job placement following completion of the training program. Community Services Manager Browne announced that the Whittier Consortium on Homelessness would be meeting on Saturday, June 29, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the First Christian Church. The topic of the meeting will be single adults who are experiencing homelessness. Vice Chair Luevano questioned if the city Council’s “ad hoc” committee on homelessness will be taking on the oversight of the Homelessness Plan, or if it will remain with the Commission. Secretary Alaniz responded that at this time, it would remain with staff and Commission. Chair Enriquez-Santos questioned the changes being made to Commissions funding recommendations and whether City Council is concerned about preventing homelessness. Secretary Alaniz noted that City Council is focusing on agencies and programs that directly support or supply housing. Commissioners voiced concerns about the time spent on the review and consideration of funding applications, the direction given by City Council, and whether the same funding will be available next year. Secretary Alaniz advised that City Council might consider changing the allocation of General funds for next year’s funding cycle.

It was moved by Commissioner Illingworth, seconded by Vice Chair Luevano, and carried 4 – 0 (Absent: Commissioner McDonnell) to receive and file the update on City of Whittier Homeless Plan implementation.

5. D Information and Referral Reports

Commissioners reviewed the Information and Referral Reports.

It was moved by Commissioner Illingworth, seconded by Vice Chair Luevano, and carried 4 – 0 (Absent: Commissioner McDonnell) to receive and file the Information and Referral Reports for December 2018 and January 2019 – April 2019.

5. E Community Services Division Presentation

Secretary Alaniz introduced Community Services Supervisor, Justin Steele and Community Services Coordinator, Ryhan Cordova. They gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following topics:

Adult sports programs – Whittier Adult Softball League

Youth sports – 10 affiliate leagues, PONY Baseball World Series, Pitch, Hit and Run Facilities – Community Center amenities; renovation projects; various facilities for private rentals.

Special events – Many events throughout the year

It was moved by Chair Enriquez-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Illingworth, and carried 4 – 0 (Absent: Commissioner McDonnell) to receive and file the Community Services Division's presentation focusing on Sports and Facilities.

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

Secretary Alaniz announced the following:

- Senior Information and Referral Fair taking place on Thursday, June 6, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Whittier Senior Center, 13225 Walnut Street. Event will offer information and resources regarding senior healthcare, legal assistance, housing, transportation, health screenings and Veteran's assistance.
- Summer Concerts begin on Monday, June 24, 2019 at Central Park, with a Disney tribute band, and Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Parnell Park with a Fleetwood Mac tribute band.
- The July 4th Spectacular will take place on Thursday, July 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at York Field. There will be various inflatable attractions, food vendors, family fun, and fireworks at 9:00 p.m.
- Movies in the park return on Saturday, July 6, 2019, at Michigan Park. Mary Poppins Returns 2 will be shown.

7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chair Enriquez-Santos announced that beginning June 1, 2019 persons who are SSI or SSP eligible would also qualify for food stamps. Also available through the County is assistance for undocumented homeless persons, whose children are citizens.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Enriquez-Santos adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Social Services Commission on _____.

GREG ALANIZ, Secretary



Agenda Report

Social Services Commission

Date: July 2, 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 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



Agenda Report

Social Services Commission

Date: July 2, 2019

To: Social Services Commission

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

Subject: Community Services Division Presentation

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file update on Community Services Division's presentation focusing on Contract Classes.

BACKGROUND

The Community Services staff along with a team of more than 60 independent contract instructors work together to offer a wide variety of classes. Demonstrated will be how the classes are scheduled, marketed, and registered. The quarterly Community Services Guide and monthly eBlasts will also be outlined as well as a brief look at the reporting options with the registration software and marketing campaigns

DISCUSSION

Staff prepared Community Services Division's presentation focusing on Contract Classes.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

None