



City of Salinas

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Library and Community Services Commission

Commission Members:

Albert Fong, Mayor's Appointee

Lizbeth Camacho, District 1 - Victor Tafoya, District 2

Joey Martinez, District 3 - Gloria De La Rosa, District 4

Nancy Gutierrez, District 5 - Beatriz S. Chaidez, District 6

Jim Pia, Interim City Manager

Kristan Lundquist, Library and Community Services Director

City Clerk's Office: (831) 758-7381

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

6:00 PM

City Council Rotunda

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Chair Gutierrez-Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Present: 5 - Commissioner Beatriz Chaidez
Commissioner Victor Tafoya
Commissioner Nancy Gutierrez
Commissioner Lizbeth Camacho
Albert Fong

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Joey Martinez
Commissioner Gloria De La Rosa

INTRODUCTION

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME RESTRICTIONS

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment received

CONSENT

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Minutes

Upon motion by Commissioner Chaidez, seconded by Commissioner Camacho, minutes of September 13, 2023 were approved. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Commissioner Chaidez, Commissioner Tafoya, Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Camacho and Fong

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Martinez and Commissioner De La Rosa

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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Prevention & Wellness Grant Program Update

Community Safety Administrator, José Arreola, presented the Prevention & Wellness Grant Program Update to the commission. Mr. Arreola reviewed the history of the grant program and its ongoing success. After City Council approved \$300,000 to fund the grant for an additional year, six grantees were awarded up to \$60,000 each for local programs supporting youth, vulnerable adults, and seniors.

Upon motion by Commissioner Fong, seconded by Commissioner Chaidez, the Prevention & Wellness Grant Program Update has been received and accepted. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Commissioner Chaidez, Commissioner Tafoya, Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Camacho and Fong

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Martinez and Commissioner De La Rosa

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS

Commissioner Tafoya reported his successful completion of a police ride-along in downtown Salinas.

Commissioner Camacho reported her appreciation for Firehouse Recreation Center's Valentine's celebration and the Breadbox Recreation Center's teen nights at Christmas. She reported her appreciation for the preparation and response by the Park Maintenance team in the recent storms. She further reported her review of the progress of the renovation of the public bathrooms at Natividad Creek Park. She notified the commission of a planned cleanup at El Dorado Park in the next few weeks. She reported community feedback with overwhelming support of Parks and Community Services.

Commissioner Fong reported that he continues to report issues to the city's website and that he advises community members to do the same.

Chair Gutierrez-Garcia reported her appreciation for the preparation and response by the Park Maintenance team in the recent storms. She also asked for clarification on native plant installations. Director Lundquist explained that this is an effort by Sustainable Salinas. Chair Gutierrez reported her review of the Library's success with new programs and workshops for youth.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gutierrez-Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM.

Devon McCauley, Administrative Secretary

AGENDA MATERIAL / ADDENDUM

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION