

City of Visalia- Citizen Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Members Present: Mary Beatie, Joel Rosales, Brian Poochigian, Joe Eiben, Frank Ruiz, Suzanne Monroe, Phil Mirwald, Lois Sheffield, Mike Lane, Carla Calhoun, Joel Reed

Members Absent: Member Ruiz arrived at 5:54pm

City Staff: Mario Cifuentes, Deputy City Manager.

Members of Public: Guests - JP Pritchard - Interested in Non-profit program

Next meeting: Wednesday November 7, 2018

1. Meeting called to order 5:34 by Chair Mary Beatie

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of minutes from September 5, 2018 meeting

- a) After review, the minutes from the September meeting had some corrections and changes. Motion to accept minutes moved by member Rosales, second by member Poochigian, Motion carried unanimously.

4. Review and Approval of Subcommittee Recommendations for 2018-19 Non-Profit Grant Funding

- a) 15 new applicants. 19 were returning. Several didn't attend and weren't required to as ongoing recipients.
- b) 31 submitted. 1 late and 2 incomplete so those 3 were not reviewed.
- c) 2 hours of polite discussion resulted in a recommendation to fund 15 grants. 11 grants self-identified as gang intervention or prevention. 6 applications came from new agencies. 65% of the recommended funding is targeted to gang funding. Required that organizations support their claim for gang intervention through the narrative in their application.
- d) Ruth should notify all applicants of the date of Council consideration of the grant recommendations.
- e) JP Pritchard, Right to Life on Church Street thanked the CAC for even having the program. Felt that the program was worth having in place.
- f) Motion to approve subcommittee's recommendation by Brian. 2nd by Rosales and approved unanimously.

5. **Discussion and Appointment of a replacement CAC representative to the Measure N Oversight Committee** (A recent committee resignation requires the CAC to select one (1) member to serve on the Measure N Oversight Committee. The member selected should be able to serve out the remaining term, which is ending on July 1, 2019. Any voting member, living in Visalia and not in their third term is eligible.)
- a. Member Rosales nominated himself for Measure N and Member Poochigian joined in that nomination and seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. **Public Opinion Survey**

- a. Questions are presented for the upcoming public opinion survey
 - i. The subcommittee suggests a question about the public's opinion about the potential construction of an aquatic center. Members address the issue that the question is leading in that it uses the financial estimates. Members suggest waiting for the parks and rec commission to finish their research.
 - ii. The subcommittee suggests a question regarding public's opinion regarding the completion or addition of the VECS building or remodeling the city council chambers. Members would like to see some potential numbers, but agree that it may be a good question with more info.
 - iii. The subcommittee suggests a question regarding the public's opinion over the potential Visalia City budget and the possibility that it would be in the Red in three years. Members address concerns regarding the public's ability to give an opinion on subjects that are very detailed and difficult to understand. Asking the public for areas that should have funding cut to help balance the budget.
 - iv. Committee suggests reconsidering asking about the public's opinion regarding the sale of recreational marijuana within city limits. Members discuss the increase in tax revenue obtained by the city of Woodlake, and whether it would be appropriate to introduce the marijuana question again to see if people are now interested in seeing that tax revenue.
 - v. The subcommittee suggests a question regarding the public's opinion on the housing needs in the city. Members discuss the city's requirement to assess the housing needs of the city, and this is something already being done. The public's opinion would necessarily be something that the city can change if there are not developers that are willing to build. Members discuss the possibility of asking a question regarding second homes or tiny homes in the back of houses. This would help some of the housing concerns.
 - vi. Members discuss having one or two new questions for the public opinion survey. For the question addressing housing, it would be a good idea to have options below so that the public could select

which type housing that they would like. Members would like to see the new questions ask about housing and the opinion regarding construction of public safety or civic center.

- vii. Members tentatively agree on April 6th as the in person Public Opinion Survey. POS presentation to council would be presented to council on January 7 on the consent calendar. If it goes through the survey could be rolled out in February.

7. Items for future agenda consideration.

- a. Measure N update
- b. Public Opinion Survey
- c. New Applicant Review

8. Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm moved to Adjourn by chair Beatie

Citizen's Advisory Committee												
Attendance Roster for Prior 12 month period												
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct
	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
Beatie, Mary	P		A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Calhoun, Carla			A	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	P
Eiben, Joe	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mirwald, Phil			P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Monroe, Suzanne	P				P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P
Poochigian, Brian	P		P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Reed, Joel												P
Rosales, Joel	P		A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ruiz, Frank			P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A
Sheffield, Lois											P	P

A - Absent
P - Present

Attendance

Advisory body members are expected to attend meetings regularly. Conscientious attendance is a fundamental responsibility, as irregular attendance lessens one's ability to study all aspects of items under consideration. It is important to notify staff of any absences for the purposes of determining a quorum. Members are required to notify the staff liaison no later than 24 hours prior to any regular meeting of his/her intent not to attend said meeting.

Excessive absenteeism, which is defined to mean missing three (3) consecutive regular meetings or four (4) regular meetings in a 12 month period, shall constitute resignation of the member and the member shall be considered removed from the advisory body. In the event a meeting is cancelled because of a lack of quorum, the member(s) whose lack of attendance caused the cancellation will be counted, even though no meeting occurred.

Tardiness and early departure of more than 30 minutes in a meeting is considered an absence.