

**City of Visalia- Citizen Advisory Committee**  
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Members Present: Mary Beatie, Joel Rosales, Frank Ruiz, Phil Mirwald, Joe Eiben , Carla Calhoun, Lois Sheffield, Joel Reed, Lucy Hernandez

Members Absent: Suzanne Monroe

City Staff: Mario Cifuentes, Deputy City Manager.

Members of Public: Mr. Sheffield, Visalia City Manager Randy Groom

Next meeting: Wednesday January 9, 2019

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- 1. Meeting called to order at 5:33pm by Chair Mary Beatie**
- 2. Public Comment:** none
- 3. Approval of minutes from November 7, 2018 meeting**
  - a) After review, the minutes from the November meeting had some corrections and changes. Motion to accept minutes as corrected moved by member Eiben, second by member Rosales, Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Review of CDBG Items** (Rhonda Haynes, City Housing Specialist, will present the 2019 Action Plan Survey and discuss identifying needs based on the 5 Yr ConPlan.)
  - a. Visalia city representative Rhonda Haynes gives presentation regarding the CDBG plans. The plan involves the city's CDBG and HOME funding. The 5 year consolidated plan goals were presented.
  - b. Committee members have a number of questions regarding how the city follows the CDBG money that it distributes to the various agencies.
- 5. Public Opinion Survey** (Finalization of dates and planning items for next year's survey including schedule and milestones for preparing and rolling out the next survey.)
  - a. Committee goes over the POS from 2018 for all of the new members who have not had previous experience with the survey. Member Ruiz suggests that with Rawhide Baseball being removed from question 6, that it could possibly be replaced with "Downtown Visalia".
  - b. In the online version, Question 11 has a typo in the area of "Community

Services for Seniors”, there is a grammatical error.

- c. If possible, can the online format be changed to match the question order of the in person survey. Question 20 on the in person survey, the first question should specifically identify that it is targeting social media, and allow the city’s website as one of the options to get news and information regarding the city. In the question, “Which would be the best source for you to access City information” it should included selections of “social media, email, website, mail, personal contact, other”
- d. **Marijuana Question:** The City of Visalia currently prohibits recreational marijuana, medical marijuana dispensaries, and the medical marijuana cultivation over 100sqft. Should the city reexamine their current position on marijuana?
- e. **Housing Question:** With the recent surge in the housing market and the average price of homes increasing, which of the following would you like to see the city look into as an affordable housing solution?(Single Family Home/Town House/Condominium/Additional Detached Unit/Tiny Home/Other/None)
  - i. The housing question needs to add other and none as possible answers.
- f. Member Eiben makes motion to accept the new questions as proposed with the changes. Member Calhoun seconds. Motion carries unanimously. Staff representative will process the changes to the survey as suggested during the meeting, as well as incorporating the two new questions to the survey. The two new questions from last years survey will be removed and these will be included.

**6. Items for future agenda consideration.**

- a. New Member Robert Johnson
- b. CDBG addressed again
- c. Public Opinion Survey

**7. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm moved by Chair Beatie**