



**CITY OF FULLERTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS' COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2022
Fullerton City Council Chamber
303 West Commonwealth Avenue
Fullerton, California**

6:33 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Hanzo called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Hanzo, Committee Members: Nava-Mijares, Pascual, Summerhill

Absent: Vice-Chair Calhoun

Staff Present: Kellee Fritzal, Community and Economic Development Deputy Director, Linda Cordova, Housing Consultant, Jessica Cuevas, Housing Clerical Assistant

No comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Hanzo opened the public comments at 6:35 p.m. There were no comments and the public comments period was closed.

Approved as written

MINUTES – March 29, 2021 and January 25, 2022

It was moved by Committee Member Nava-Mijares, seconded by Committee Member Summerhill to approve the March 29, 2021 Community Development Citizens' Committee minutes as written. It was moved by Committee Member Pascual, seconded by Committee Member Nava-Mijares to approve the January 25, 2022 Community Development Citizens' Committee minutes as written.

Motion carried 4-1, Vice-Chair Calhoun absent.

Presented

UPDATE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP) AND OTHER PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Principal Civil Engineer, David Grantham from Public Works Engineering Department provided a PowerPoint presentation for the CDBG-CIP Projects. He provided the status of the six projects to the committee. The Citywide ADA Transition Plan is in Phase Four and scheduled to be completed in June 2022. The Fullerton Transportation Center – ADA Improvements is in the first year of an expected three-year project. The Hastings-Ash-West Area Street Rehabilitation was completed in January 2022. The Olive Avenue & Iris-Roberta Area Street Rehabilitation is scheduled for construction in March 2022. The Pacific Drive Park Renovation completion is scheduled for April 2022. The HOPE Center Project completion is scheduled for Summer 2022.

Q: Did the HOPE Center receive funding from CARES Act?

A: Yes, the HOPE Center received funding from CARES Act?

Q: Are other funding sources being utilized for the Hope Center?

A: Yes, funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Q: What is the HOPE Center?

A: HOPE is Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement. The center will consist of case manager's, coordinators, county employees, and St. Jude social and behavioral staff. The HOPE Center will also work with ambulances on calls that will dispatch appropriate staff.

Q: When will the HOPE Center be completed?

A: The HOPE Center will be completed in the summer of 2022.

Q: Did the City of Fullerton receive federal funding for the Fullerton Transportation Center - ADA Improvement Project?

A: No, the City of Fullerton did not receive federal funding for the Fullerton Transportation Center-ADA Improvement Project.

Q: Did the elevators at the Fullerton Transportation Center get repaired?

A: The Fullerton Transportation Center elevators are working properly, and the stairs have been renovated.

Q: Has the Iris-Roberta Area and Olive Avenue Street Rehabilitation Project been impacted due to the increase of construction costs?

A: The project has not been heavily impacted. Costs for certain street improvement materials have stayed steady. There has been an increase in cost for water improvement materials.

Presented

2022-2023 NON-PROFITS PRESENTATIONS

Presentations were given by representatives of non-profit organizations that submitted an application to receive CDBG funding during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Easterseals Southern California requested \$10,000 for the Autism Health Disparities Program. Staff present: Jennie Myhra, Vice President of Behavioral Services and Khrystle Montallana, Clinical Director of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) Autism Services.

Q: How many unduplicated Fullerton clients will be served?

A: Fifty unduplicated Fullerton clients will be served.

Q: How does Easterseals conduct their outreach to the community?

A: Easterseals has participated in Resource Fairs, where clients could register for services. Due to auditing requirements, it is recommended that clients visit or contact Easterseals to receive more information for services that are provided.

Q: Does Easterseals provide referrals to regional centers?

A: No, services are provided in-house.

Q: Are all services only provided through Telehealth?

A: Services are provided in-person and through Telehealth. The Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy (ABA) service is provided in-person. Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy services are provided both in-person and through Telehealth. Social Skills services is provided through Telehealth.

Q: Are Fullerton clients required to travel to the Irvine facility to receive services?

A: Fullerton clients are not required to travel to Irvine. Clients can visit the Whittier facility for services. They may also utilize Telehealth for

Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Social Skills services. Staff travel to the client's home for the Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy (ABA) service.

Q: Is Easterseals currently providing services to Fullerton residents?

A: Yes, one-hundred Fullerton clients are receiving services.

Giving Children Hope requested \$10,000 for the We've Got Your Back Program. Staff present: Elia Perez, Director of Programs and Marius Marza, Director of Business Operations.

Q: Is Fullerton Joint Union High School District a new client?

A: Yes, they are a new client. Services are also provided to Buena Park High School and La Habra High School.

Q: Who is the Director of Programs for Giving Children Hope?

A: Elia Perez, is the Director of Programs.

Q: Which supply category would blankets be considered?

A: Blankets are considered a Basic Need Supply.

Q: Are Disaster Relief services being provided under the legal name of Global Operations and Development?

A: No, We've Got Your Back and Giving for Living are the programs that are currently offered. Giving Children Hope, partner with various non-profits that offer Disaster Relief services and Giving Children Hope can provide product to their partners if requested.

Q: Does the Fullerton School District know that their schools are participating in the We've Got Your Back Program?

A: Yes, the Fullerton School District is aware of the participating schools. Information from the schools is required to enroll children in the program.

Q: Does the Fullerton School District require a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)?

A: No, Fullerton School District does not require a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

- Q: Does Giving Children Hope solicit cash donations from We've Got Your Back clients?
- A: No, Giving Children Hope does not ask clients for cash donations.

Lutheran Social Services requested \$20,000 for the Victims Intervention Project. Staff Present: Jim Pijloo, Area Director.

- Q: Why didn't Lutheran Social Services request reimbursement for the second quarter?
- A: The second quarterly report was not submitted due to miscommunication and mailing issues. The situation has been rectified.
- Q: Does Lutheran Social Services offer additional programs?
- A: Lutheran Social Services works with California Office of Emergency Services to provide the Victims Intervention Project services throughout Orange County. They assisted Santa Ana residents affected by COVID-19 with rental assistance and taken part of the Housing and Sustainable Program.
- Q: Will Lutheran Social Services continue to provide services, if awarded funding at a reduced amount?
- A: Yes, services will continue to be provided to Fullerton clients.
- Q: Are the Victims Intervention Project counselors licensed therapists?
- A: Currently the counselors are MFT and MSW interns.
- Q: How many interns work with Victims Intervention Project?
- A: Three interns work with the Victims Intervention Project.
- Q: What costs will the \$5,000 budgeted for "Other" include?
- A: The \$5,000 will be used for Rental Assistance, Motel Vouchers, Bus Passes, and Gas Cards.

Fair Housing Foundation requested \$20,000 for the Fair Housing Program. Staff Present: Stella Verdeja, Executive Director

- Q: How does Fair Housing Foundation participate in the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)?
- A: Fair Housing participates by providing education for Housing Discrimination to the community, tenants, landlord, and housing providers.
- Q: Are services offered in Korean and Vietnamese?
- A: Yes, language and American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters assist clients at Fair Housing Workshops.
- Q: Was there an increase of clients due to COVID-19?
- A: There was a decrease of clients due to offices being closed for in-person services and workshops provided virtually. Fair Housing Foundation is currently providing services both virtually and in-person, which has increased the number of clients.
- Q: How does Fair Housing Foundation address concerns of accessibility for disabled people?
- A: The Fair Housing Foundations offices are accessible, and staff will also make necessary accommodations. Fair Housing Foundation workshops also discuss disabled tenants and accessibility.

Boys and Girls Club of Fullerton requested \$50,000 for the After-School Program. Staff Present: Brett Ackerman, Chief Executive Officer

- Q: Why didn't Boys and Girls Club of Fullerton submit their reimbursement for the first and second quarters?
- A: Staff changeover and technologic issues caused reporting delays. First and second quarterly reports have been completed and submitted to the City of Fullerton.
- Q: What is the Literacy Program that is offered by the Boys and Girls Club of Fullerton?
- A: The Literacy Program uses the Slingerland Model, which is a multi-sensory approach to early literacy.
- Q: How will Boys and Girls Club of Fullerton prevent their systems from being hacked?
- A: A Boys and Girls Club Board Member, has volunteered to conduct Phishing and Scamming trainings to staff.

- Q: Is Boys and Girls Club of Fullerton expecting more referrals for the Literacy Program?
- A: Yes, more referrals are expected. Currently the program is at capacity and is in the process of recruiting two Literacy Supervisors.
- Q: Why is Boys and Girls Club of Fullerton requesting the same amount of funding as Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$50,000 but decreasing the number of proposed clients served?
- A: A portion of the requested funding will be used to fund the Literacy Supervisor positions.

Chair Hanzo opened the public comments. There were no comments and the public comments period was closed

STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Hanzo informed the Committee Members, City Staff and members of the public that the city will be going through a redistricting and maps will be redrawn by the Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC). She encouraged residents who would like to submit their comments or suggestions to attend the Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) workshop on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. or the Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Member Nava-Mijares informed the Committee Members, City Staff and members of the public that the Fullerton School District will also be redistricting.

Community and Economic Deputy Director, Kellee Fritzel informed the Committee Members that applications for the Housing Manager position are being received and the recruitment will close of February 27, 2022. She also informed the Committee Members that the 1.9 million dollars HOME ARPA funds has not been expended and a presentation will be held at a later date.

AGENDA FORECAST

Community Development Block Grant Non-Profit applicants will present to the Committee Members at the February 22, 2022 meeting.

8:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT -

Chair Hanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

The next Community Development Citizens' Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Fullerton City Hall, Council Chambers (First Floor), 303 West Commonwealth Avenue, Fullerton, California.



Jessica Cuevas, Clerk to the Community Development
Citizens' Committee