

**City of Hollywood
Community Development Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2020**

The Community Development Advisory Board Meeting conducted a Virtual Advisory Board Meeting at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 24th using Communications Media Technology (“CMT”). Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-69 pertaining to conducting local government meetings while under the public health emergency related to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). In accordance with this order and due to a prohibition on public access to City Hall because of the risk to public health, the City will be holding the meeting virtually.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The City of Hollywood, Florida, held a virtual Community Development Advisory Board Meeting on June 24, 2020 via WebEx. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Marty Shuham, at 6:35 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mitch Anton
Kelly Edwards
Joann Fullington Reese
Ana Kairis
Siobhan McLaughlin
Marty Shuham
Milana Walter
Amber Yeisley

Absent:

Phil de Souza
Jennifer Luciani

STAFF:

Donna Biederman, Staff Liaison
Anthony Grisby, Interim Community Development Manager
Laurette Jean, Budget Director

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3. New Business:

None

4. Old Business:

- General Fund Agency Grant Recommendations- follow-up

Mr. Shuham reminded the board why this special meeting was called. The intent was to review the recommendations and make adjustments to the General Fund, if so desired by the board.

The spreadsheet was presented on the screen with the agencies and the new average recommendations. Because of the size of the spreadsheet, Mr. Grisby read each agency and the new averages for each.

Mr. Shuham told the board that it was their choice to approve the figures that are seen on screen or to make other adjustments.

Mr. Anton motioned to approve the General Fund Agency Grant recommendations as is. Ms. Fullington Reese seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. McLaughlin spoke against the motion as these averages were completely different from her own recommendations. She spoke from her personal experience and felt that the presented figures were completely outside the reality of the current situation within the community. Ms. McLaughlin recommended that Hispanic Unity get the full funding they are seeking because this organization represents a portion of the community that will potentially be left out of receiving assistance. She further explained that funding PAL with \$16,000 for football equipment seems to be a bit excessive. She also said that she sent an article out to the board regarding other agencies that may pick up any shortfalls in regards to arts and cultures. Therefore, Ms. McLaughlin believes that these agencies and programs should receive minimal funding.

Mr. Anton commented that while PAL may have football equipment on their application, the funds would be used where there is a necessity. As first time applicants, they didn't seem to know better to explain how this very important money would go directly to the kids. Mr. Anton went on to explain while he was making his recommendations, he looked at the agencies that have many benefactors and the funds that the City of Hollywood gives them is small in comparison to the their overall budget. He said that while he agreed the board could make adjustments to these figures, is it going to impact the big picture that significantly? While he understood Ms. McLaughlin's feelings and her logic for her personal choices, everyone on the board felt the same way as she does while making their personal recommendations.

Ms. Reese asked what program South Broward High School requested funding to support?

Ms. Biederman said that it was to serve approximately 500 students through their athletics program.

Ms. Reese asked that the South Broward High School funding be reviewed and possibly adjusted.

Mr. Shuham reminded everyone of the motion before the panel. And asked for last comments prior to a vote.

Ms. McLaughlin asked her colleagues to vote down the motion so that further discussion and adjustments be made.

Mr. Shuham asked Ms. Biederman to conduct a roll call vote on the motion made by Mitch Anton and seconded by Ms. Reese to adopt the average figures from the current meeting for the general fund.

Ms. Biederman conducted the vote: Mitch Anton, Kelly Edwards, Joann Fullington Reese, Ana Kairis, Marty Shuham, Milana Walter, and Amber Yeisley voted in favor of the motion and Ms. McLaughlin voted against the motion to approve the General Fund Agency Grant Recommendations.

Mr. Shuham acknowledged that the motion passed and these figures would be presented to the commission.

5. Member Comments:

Ms. McLaughlin commented on Mitch Anton's campaign literature that included a picture of the board. She believes that it may appear that he has the endorsement of this board for his campaign and she is very troubled and distressed that permissions were not requested prior to its use.

Ms. Walter further commented that she has in the past spoke with Mr. Anton about posting unapproved photographs. She wishes him the best in his campaign; however, she does require her permission prior to the posting of her picture for use in a political campaign and the picture should be taken down.

Mr. Shuham thanked the ladies for their comments but explained as the Community Development Advisory Board, there was no action the board could take regarding this matter. He added that we was not speaking from authority, but they could seek the advice of the Florida Election Committee.

Ms. McLaughlin invited Mr. Anton to explain why he used a picture without the permission of the people in the picture.

Mr. Shuham further explained that he feels this board should not address this issue. He invited Mr. Anton to respond to Ms. McLaughlin if he felt he wanted to. The CDAB was the not the authority to address issues of a political campaign.

6. Staff Comments:

None

Ms. McLaughlin's asked if board members could discuss the images used without permission without violating the Sunshine Laws since it is not within the prevue of the board.

Mr. Shuham said that he didn't believe it would violate any Sunshine Laws since it would not be brought up before the board for a CDAB review.

Mr. Grisby had a staff comment to the board in appreciation to all the well wishes and support for his appointment to his position.

Ms. Biederman informed the board the Rental and Utility Assistance applications would be available online the following day.

7. Adjournment:

***A motion was made by Mitch Anton to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM and was seconded by Amber Yeisley. The motion passed unanimously. ***