

MINUTES

MCFARLAND TRI-AGENCY PARTNERS REGULAR MEETING May 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Treasurer Eliseo Garza called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. in the McFarland Veteran's Memorial Hall Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Cantu, Garza, Perez, Diaz, Hernandez (Note: Cantu entered meeting at 5:46 pm)
Board Members Absent: Samaniego, Santillano

OFFICIALS PRESENT

General Manager Wooner and Francisca Alvarado

INVOCATION

Board Member Hernandez

FLAG SALUTE

Board Member Diaz

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of regular Tri-Agency meeting of April 08, 2019

Motion was made by Board Member Perez to approve item 1 on consent agenda; 2nd by Board Member Diaz

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Díaz, Perez, Garza, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Samaniego, Santillano

Abstentions: None

ADMINISTRATIVE MANNERS

2. Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program Update

Mr. Wooner explained to the board that the RFP is out in the newspaper and website. The ratings will be brought back to the next meeting for the boards review and decision.

Member at Large Hernandez asked if the agencies present could make suggestions. Mr. Wooner explained that any agency would still have to go through the application process because that is one of the requirements to obtain the grant.

Mr. Wooner believes the closing date for the RFP is June 2nd and it has to be open for 30 days.

3. Status on 411 website

Mr. Wooner stated City did contact with Juan Torres and Mr. Torres is requesting his contract be terminated, due to his mother being.

Board Member Garza requested Mr. Wooner explain to Member at Large Hernandez who Mr. Torres is and what he did for the Tri-Agency.

Mr. Wooner explained that Torres was the reporter for the Delano Record and he came to us because he wanted to work on a website for the Tri-Agency that would serve as a form of information to the public for all 3 agencies.

Motion was made by Board Member Diaz to terminate the contract with Mr. Juan Torres, seconded by Board Member Perez.

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Diaz, Perez, Garza, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Samaniego, Santillano, Cantu (came in late)

Abstentions: None

4. Grant Writer – Re-hire

Mr. Wooner explained to the board that with Chief Kimble leaving there is nobody at the Police Department who can run certain programs and processes that seem to have left with Chief Kimble. The only other person who knows the programs and processes is Ms. Belinda Barabarena therefore she requested to be placed back at the Police Department to assist the Interim Chief.

Mr. Wooner also explained that the Grant Writer position was opened up in house at City Hall and received two applications. Mr. Wooner requested there be an interview committee to interview the two applicants.

Board Member Diaz asked if Ms. Barbarena was ok with leaving the Grant Writer position. Mr. Wooner explained to them that it was her choice.

Board Member Garza asked that if Ms. Barbarena leaves is she going to want to come back if she is no longer needed. Mr. Wooner explained to them that she is going back to the position where she was before.

Chairman Cantu suggested there be a committee for the interview process. The Board selected David Diaz, Maria Perez, and Jose Hernandez as the interviewers.

The Board requested the City Clerk schedule the interviews.

Motion was made by Board Member Perez to approve the re-hire of the Grant Writer and move forward with scheduling interviews, seconded by Chairman Cantu.

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Perez, Cantu, Garza, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Samaniego, Santillano, Diaz (left meeting)

Abstentions: None

BOARD STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

McFarland Unified School District: Board Member Diaz stated they were getting ready for graduations, testing finished for the Elementary schools, Middle School, and High School, moving on with new projects at the school farm, and gearing up for summer school at Kern Ave School.

McFarland Recreation and Parks District: Board Member absent. None to report.

City of McFarland: Mr. Cantu informed the board that the water and sewer rate increase passed, Pop 68 project moving, ordered Hot Box to repair streets, and finally repaving Garzoli Ave all the way out to Whistler.

Note: Mr. Wooner informed the board that at the next McFarland School board meeting, Mrs. Valerie Perez will be presented with a teacher of the year certificate from the City because she was nominated teacher of the year for the state.

Member at Large: Mr. Hernandez stated it was his first time attending a Tri- Agency meeting and he has some questions;

1. Would like to clarify if it's the "Tri-Agency Chambers?" Or "Partners?"
Mr. Wooner responded that it is named McFarland Tri-Agency Partners.
2. Does the Tri- Agency have a mission statement? Would like the Tri- Agency to work on a mission statement.
Mr. Wooner stated that when the JPA was formed there was not a mission statement put together.
3. Is the Chairman rotated?
Chairman Cantu responded that the bylaws state that it changes every year and it goes through a nomination process.
4. He is aware the Tri-Agency has a Treasurer so where do the funds come from?
Mr. Wooner responded that all agencies had to contribute a deposit to open up the bank account, the Tri-Agency brings in money through the newsletters, and eventually will receive monies through grants.
5. Mr. Hernandez brought in a flyer with him informing us about this year's Memorial Day that will be held at North Kern Cemetery in Delano, Ca (west side) of Cemetery, May 27th at 10am. He invited all to attend. He also stated he would like everyone to try to participate or help in next year's anyway they can. Mr. Wooner would like one month prior notice to help out in next year's event.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Member at Large Jose Hernandez, seconded by Chairman Cantu Jr., and unanimously carried 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

ATTEST:



Claudia Ceja, Clerk of the Board

