

CITY OF INGLEWOOD
SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SCAC)
MINUTES

Meeting date: March 16, 2015
Scheduled start time: 10:00 AM
Meeting location: Inglewood City Hall
1st Floor
Community Room

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson

Elizabeth Payne (*present*)

Carol Gray (*present*)

Elle Haynes (*present*)

Crysteline S. James (*present*)

Vice Chair

Mayoral Appointee

June Chavez (*present*)

Damon Johnson

Dora Mota (*present*)

Pierce Mundy (*present*)

Jeanette Parish (*present*)

District 1

Vacant

Arvis Spriggs (*present*)

William Widener (*present*)

District 2

Lilian Cropper (*present*)

District 3

Kenneth Jordan

District 4

Dolly Morrison (*present*)

Meeting called to order: Chair Elizabeth Payne, 10:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance: Elizabeth Payne

Invocation: Arvis Spriggs

Roll Call: see list at top of page

Meeting conducted in quorum: Yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Agenda Items

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of January 20, 2015 were held over to the April meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

Status of Phase I Collaboration Period, with newly appointed Design-Builder, Pinner of gkkworks: Gordon Anderson reported that the collaboration between the City, Gwynne Pugh and Pinner is the foundation for the final design and schematic that will serve as the basis of Phase II, which includes construction documents, permits, bidding and establishment of the Guaranteed Maximum Price. He introduced the Pinner team members present: Justin Davis, Vice President; Steve Hogan and Blair Ripplinger.

Mr. Anderson then informed the Committee that staff advised Mayor Butts that additional funding may be needed for the new senior center. One of the options being considered to fill the gap is the inclusion of additional parking at the center to accommodate the revitalization of Market Street. These are adjoining properties. The projects would work together for the common good. This sparked considerable discussion by members who cited concerns regarding safety and security. There was also concern that it would further delay the completion schedule for the Senior Center. Mr. Anderson replied that there may not be enough money for the Senior Center, especially given the rising cost of construction since the Committee began its work in 2012. Mr. Anderson stated that if the City could provide additional funds to the Project for the parking, this would help address anticipated additional future funding needed for the Project, and that it would not affect the schedule. Mr. Anderson further stated that any additional funds for the Project would have to be reviewed with the full-Council. Members suggested remodeling the existing Parking Structure on Locust or including a new structure in the Market Street Project. Mr. Widener informed the committee that there is an item on the City Council agenda about new construction on the D-3 site and other plans regarding the new light rail development that might add additional parking in the area, as well.

Finally, Mr. Anderson later stated that enhanced security features such as surveillance cameras and additional lighting for the parking under the new Center would be reviewed with the Police Department and reported back to the Advisory Committee as the design progressed.

Review of Next Steps on the Preliminary Project Schedule: Mr. Anderson again introduced the Pinner Team. Blair Ripplinger then presented side by side renderings of the original design by Mr. Pugh's team and the modified design by the Pinner team. Pointing to the renderings, Mr. Ripplinger and Mr. Pugh compared each element of the design that was modified to respond to a reduction in the size of the building to respond to funding concerns.

The committee expressed satisfaction that the proposed modifications are minor and that the basics of what they want in the design have been preserved. Committee members then made sure that the elements that they have expressed previously, such as automatic doors, handicap accessibility, and number of billiard tables are addressed. Mr. Anderson assured that they will be able to give input to these concerns as the designs get further developed. Ms. Haynes asked if the committee could get copies of

each revision. Mr. Anderson stated that the designs are a work in progress and the committee will be informed but not get copies, at this time.

In conclusion, Mr. Anderson stated that staff would be looking to move into Phase II of the Project and provided an example of the work to be done in Phase II. Mr. Anderson indicated that in approximately six months, a bidding process for example for the flooring, air conditioning, elevators and other needed items will take place. Bid packages will go out to at least three vendors for each item, with specifications in order to assure quality. Then the lowest responsible bidder will get the contract. Given the ever escalating costs of materials the true costs may be higher than the funding available.

Revised Project Schedule is attached to these minutes.

Status of Senior Center Funding: Mr. Anderson reviewed the funding available for the new Senior Center. There is a total of \$23 million authorized: \$20 million is for the design and construction of the Center from the former redevelopment fund and \$3 million for planning and design from the Section 108 funds. None of the \$20 million has been spent. The only expenses from the \$3 million are for consultants such as Gwynne Pugh Urban Studios and its sub-consultants, Gordon Anderson, outside legal and now the contract services for the Design Builder for Phase I and Phase II services.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Topics – Broader Issues.

Sabrina Barnes, with consultation of Committee Officers, will have the responsibility of agenda items for the meetings. Ms. Barnes said among topics will be:

- Visioning
- Program Activities and Services
- Input from Managers of Nutrition, Care Management and Transportation
- Staffing
- Senior Center Name
- Policies

Ms. Barnes asked for suggestions of topics. The following were suggested at the meeting:

- Parking
- Use of Building by Outside Agencies
- Banquets
- Healthy Vending Machines
- Revenue Opportunities
- Storage Space
- Security
- Public Art

Ms. Barnes encouraged members to contact her with other ideas. She also introduced Stephanie Maldonado as the Staff Contact to the Committee, covering the duties that Philip Tillman once had. The Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department will cover the costs relating to the Committee.

Fact Sheet

Mr. Anderson distributed the latest draft of the Senior Center Fact Sheet, drafted by Miguel Luna. Mr. Luna is working on the Spanish version. Members should report any errors on the Fact Sheet to Stephanie Maldonado, Staff Contact to the Committee. Additionally, there will be follow up request for a District 1 appointee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS

Jeanette Parish noted an error in the "*Inglewood Today*," newspaper, which stated that the construction of the new Senior Center would begin this month. Mr. Anderson indicated that this was an error and that the City Manager has already sent a request for a correction to the newspaper. She also noted that the *City of Inglewood Community Information Guide* did not mention the planning of the new Senior Center. Ms. Barnes said she would make sure that there is mention about the new Senior Center in the *Fall/Winter* edition.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned to Monday, April 20, 2015 at 10 a.m., Inglewood City Hall, 1st Floor Community Room.