

CHAPC MINUTES - March 7, 2022

1 - Acting in the Chairman's absence, the First vice-Chairman called meeting to order at 6:34PM. Asma Abdi, Rahmo Abdi, Scott Anglim, Rosa Calavario, Russ Connelly, María Córtez, Paula Ezcurra, Keni Furukuwa, Brian Green-Carson, Francisco García, Edwin Lohr, Mazda Mehrnaz, David Nelson, Phoung Nguyen, Mick Rossler, Patty Vaccariello and Jim Varnadore were present for a quorum. Marcellus Anderson, John Segovia and Randy Torres-Van Vleck were absent.

2 - There were no corrections to the Minutes of February 7, 2022.

3 - Patty offered, David seconded a motion to accept the agenda as tendered. The Committee voted unanimously to pass the motion.

4 - Council District-9 staff member Ben Mendoza reported about the City's Point-in-Time-Count of homeless individuals. He reported the contacts between the staff and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) to further the City's recent protocol to send Assistance teams rather than police officers to respond to reports of homelessness. He also reported on the schedule to amend the City Charter provisions (often called the "People's Ordinance"). The provisions grant free trash collection to single family homes but not any other buildings.

5 - David Bowen offered off-agenda comment.

6.1 The acting Chairperson introduced Mr. William Perno from Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) who offered a power-point information presentation about changes to the City's regulations governing marijuana outlets. SAY opposes illegal marijuana outlets and recommends they be closed. It recommends closer City control over legal outlets. Mr. Perno reviewed the proposed changes in detail and also reported on the increasing use of vehicle delivery of marijuana to customers. After the presentation, the Committee and the audience discussed the matter and exchanged opinions about it. No motion was offered.

6.2 - The acting Chairperson called for a review of certain proposed provisions of a pending update to the City's Municipal Code. The Committee members offered no suggestions for the City to consider.

6.3 - The election was in progress and no report was available. The matter will be reported via e-mail.

7 - The chairperson offered no report.

8 - David Nelson noted that the difference between the responses of the Police department to reports from low-income areas like City Heights and more affluent areas like Kensington where he lives.

Several members lamented the absence from the March election ballot of a formal candidate for the Youth Seat. They hoped a qualified individual would write in a name.

9 - The acting Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:34PM to convene again at 6:30PM Monday, April 4, 2022.