

**Minutes July 10, 2013 Meeting  
Citizen Advisory Committee  
City of Visalia**

The regular meeting of the CAC was called to order by Chairman Luke Feldstein at 5:34 pm

The following members were present: Betty McNutt, Fay Zeeb, Luke Feldstein, Tom Gordon, Sean Mulhair, Suzanne Monroe, Joe Eiben, Josh Miller, David Elizarraraz, Laura Florez  
Members no present: Andrew Miller, Kris Walker, Stephen Bonville, Diane Biehle  
Public Comment: None present.

The spelling of Josh Miller's name was corrected and the Minutes of the June 6, 2013 meeting were accepted as corrected.

Due to several members reaching the ends of their term 6/30/13 the CAC has 4 positions on the full voting committee open. A Motion was made by Tom Gordon 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Mulhair that the two (2) CAC alternates present, Joe Eiben and David Elizarraraz be moved into 2 of the 4 open positions, motion passed. Josh Miller made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean that alternate Stephen Bonville be moved onto the full committee contingent on his acceptance. Motion passed. Betty McNutt made a motion to reappoint Josh Miller to a 2<sup>nd</sup> term, Tom Gordon 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

CDBG – In the absence of chair Diane Biehle Tom Gordon reported that Yolanda Flores with the City had a good handle on the loan cleanup process. At the last sub-committee meeting 4 loans were discussed. All of the loans had been in default 5-6 years and the committee approved foreclosure on all of them. Diane Biehle has agreed to continue as chair for the next term and members Tom Gordon, Suzanne Monroe, Betty McNutt also would like to continue. Sean Mulhair will be joining the committee.

POS – Josh Miller agreed to continue as chair of the POS sub-committee for next term. He reported that this year's survey will be presented to the full City Council Monday, July 15 at their regular work session. The following persons have agreed to be members of the POS: Faye Zeeb, Laura Florez, Joe Eiben, Betty McNutt, David Elizarraraz, Luke Feldstein, Sean Mulhair. In addition, the entire CAC is expected to participate in the annual survey itself.

Non-Profit – Laura Florez will be the chair for the new term. The budget has been set and preliminary meeting should be scheduled soon. New term members: Faye Zeeb, Tom Gordon, Josh Miller, Suzanne Monroe, Luke Feldstein.

Josh Miller reported to the committee that he had been approached by a number of US Service Veteran's concerning the maintenance of the war murals though out the City. They would like to

come to the CAC with a request for possible presentation to the Council. After a discussion by the Committee, Eric Frost stated that the request should be taken to the Mayor first.

Eric suggested several topics that the CAC might be interested in hearing more about: Gangs/schools, Measure "R", Garbage Study. He asked for suggestions from the group.

There was a discussion by the Committee on trash collection with several of the comments from members of the public who had taken the POS survey being brought up. It was also mentioned that the City is currently under contract for the disposal of recyclable materials and is paying to have someone take them. That contract expires in 2015 and the City would like to perhaps be able to sell these rather than pay to get rid of them.

Tom Gordon brought up the subject of the City giving carts to homeless persons within the city. Eric clarified the proposal somewhat, explaining that the concern was the cost of the carts to city business' and the number of shopping carts being used by the homeless population to keep their possessions close and safe and then left to clutter the City itself. The proposal would make carts available for use by the homeless rather than shopping carts being removed from the business' lots. Additionally, the Visalia Rescue Mission is proposing to man a warehouse where the homeless could leave their belongings and not have to worry about them being stolen.

Further issues: David mentioned that public safety was a concern of his. Josh suggested that Locust St. is too narrow to be three lanes. Eric mentioned that Locust was a Cal-Trans roadway. He will return with additional information. Sean mentioned that the road surfaces throughout the city were in bad repair.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Betty McNutt  
Secretary, Citizen Advisory Committee