Roll call: the following people were present for the Citizens Advisory Meeting on January 6,2016.

Kris Bruce- Chairwoman                             Suzanne Monroe

Tom Gordon                                              Cynthia Sarkesian

Joe Eiben                                                  Norbert Duarte

Don Wright                                                Luke Feldstein

Eric Frost Asst. City Manager                     Sean Mulhair

Fay Zeeb                                                   David Lange

John Gonzalez

David Winters

all board members counted as present.

Guest Speaker-Rhonda Haynes Visalia Housing and Development program analyst.

1730 hours Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Kris Bruce. Meeting opened up to the  public for comment. Bill Huott addressed the board to discuss the clean up issues occurring on the North Side of Visalia especially near the oval area. Bill Huott expressed a desire to look at renovating the empty buildings on N/E 3rd for the homeless. He expressed that he is continuing to assist the north side residents in keeping the area clean and promoting " A clean area  means less mean area " attitude for the residents. Bill Huott had no further discussion for the board. No discussion followed. Kris Bruce commended Bill Huott on keeping a positive attitude and passion for the North Side of Visalia.

Minutes were read and reviewed from last meeting in December 2015. Motion by Tom Gordon to approve  minutes and second by Joe Eiben. Minutes approved.

approval of committee members were brought up. Eric Frost stated there were no committee members applications to review.

Rhonda Haynes from the City of Visalia gave a report on the Community Development Block Grant. Rhonda gave an overview of the funds for this grant and where they would be spent. She explained that there were now priority needs for the funds and was requesting the committee to give input as to how the funds could be moved to assist other areas of need that are within the program. The committee asked where the funds were needed the most and inquired as to her recommendations. Rhonda stated that she would like to see the funds  re-allocated from the Housing Rehabilitation Program and Emergency Repair and Accessibility Program to the Senior Mobile Home Repair Program. Currently the HRP has $25000 allocated to that program and the ERAP has $25000 allocated to that program. With the transference of those funds the total amount for the Senior Mobile Home Repair Program would be $70,000.

After some discussion and questions of the programs the committee approved the recommendations for the moving of funds. Don Wright requested that Rhonda provide a history report as to how the funds were spent in the past compared to today. A synopsis of the functions of each category of funding was also requested to be sent to the committee.

Discussion ended at 1805.

1810 hours. Discussion opened up to the committee on the parameters for the ballot measure to be presented by the City Council. Kris Bruce requested that the areas to be reviewed were the type of measure that would be presented, what services that would be covered under the ballot measure and special control measures for the sales tax increase. A roll call was taken by Eric Frost for a vote on areas to be presented to the City Council. Vote was unanimous for approval to be presented. Discussion ended at 1900 hours.

1900 hours. Roundtable of discussion within the community from board members.

Tom Gordon stated that he just wanted to give accolades to the city council on how they are looking at all avenues to save water in this drought period.

Don Wright requested that the City give a report to the committee on its recreational activities that it has hosted for the residents for the city. This report would include revenues spent and earned.

Sean Mulhair stated that due to family business concerns that he may be stepping down from the committee in February.

Norbert Duarte inquired as to the progress on Nordstrom's coming into Visalia. Eric Frost gave a small report that it is still in the process of being worked out. The ideal area that Nordstroms is looking at is between Visalia and Fresno.

David WInters requested that the City Council join the NetworkNeighborhood website to review and see the issues going on within the community especially since the city is not blocked off into districts.

Meeting adjourned at 1925 ;hours.