STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

MINUTES of Regular Meeting of the Brownsville Citizens’ Advisory Committee (BCAC), held in the City Plaza, Blue Room on the 2nd Floor, 1034 E. Levee St., Brownsville, TX 78520 on Wednesday, March 26, 2014—6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Present:

Evelyn Cantu, Chair
Chris Pineda
Estella Aguirre
Rene Van Haaften
Mary Helen Flores

Martin Sarkis
Marlys Zapata

Absent:

Joe Rodriguez
Pankaj Patel
Susan Walker
Esmeralda Farias Cavazos

Others Present:

Jose F. Perez, CDBG Program Manager
Julia Denisse Lash, Social Services Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chair Cantu. A quorum of the Committee was present.

2. Public Comments (9 Minutes)

Chair Cantu acknowledged that no citizens were present but did ask if anyone had called regarding this item. Mr. Perez stated that no individual signed up nor contacted our office for public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes
   a. February 26, 2014- Regular Meeting
   b. March 19, 2014 – Regular Meeting

Motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Pineda and seconded by Mr. Van Haaften, and carried unanimously, the minutes for March 26, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved.
4. Presentations

a. Introduction

Mr. Pérez introduced Mr. James McCoy, MR. David Abrego, and Mr. Roman McAllen who will present the final projects approved by City Management through a brief PowerPoint presentation.

b. Southmost Public Library

Mr. McCoy mentioned that this project is an ongoing project and is in the last stages, therefore City Management approved the allocation of funds. Mr. McCoy also mentioned that Phase III will furnish the dome to convert it from hurricane and tornado shelter to a community center as its alternate purpose.

c. Villa Nueva Sewer Project

Mr. Abrego presented on Phase II of the Villanueva Sewer Improvement Project. Phase II will provide the physical connections from the main sewer line to individual homes. Mr. Pineda asked why $273,000 is needed for the project.

d. Southmost Public Library

Mr. Roman McAllen who presented on Phase II of the Brownsville Performing Arts Academy. Phase II will provide funding to make the BPAA operable.

5. Other Business

a. Announcements

Ms. Lash asked for an approval of minutes for the February 26, 2014 Regular Meeting, Chair Cantu to approve the minutes Mr. Van Haaften approved motion

b. Oath of Office- Martin Sarkis

Chair Cantu then performed oath of office for Mr. Martin Sarkis.

c. Pictures- Martin Sarkis & Mary Helen Flores

Ms. Lash took photographs of Mr. Sarkis.

6. Adjourn.

Chair Cantu made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Van Haaften, and carried unanimously. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.
Approved this 4th day of 30th, 2014.

Evelyn Cantu
Chair- Brownsville Citizens Advisory Committee

Attest:

Julia Denisse Lash
Social Services Coordinator

Respectfully submitted by:
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