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, April 16, 2014—6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Present:

Evelyn Cantu, Chair
Marlys Zapata
Estella Aguirre
Rene Van Haaffen
Mary Helen Flores

Martin Sarkis
Susan Walker
Esmeralda Farias Cavazos

Absent:

Joe Rodriguez
Pankaj Patel

Others Present:

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

1. Call to Order

With 7 members present, it was determined that a quorum was present and, Ms. Cantu, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

There being an issue with the template used for minutes, Chair Cantu made a motion to table minutes, seconded by Mr. Van Haaffen and carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing

a) ESG Substantial Amendment to FY 2011 & FY2012 One Year Action Plan

Ms. Julia D Lash, Social Services Coordinator, delivered a presentation regarding the proposed changes to HUD programs through a substantial amendment to the FY 2011 & FY 2012 One Year Action Plans. There were no comments from public. Public Hearing closed.
4. Public Comments
   No one registered for Public Comment.

5. Presentations
   a) Introduction

   Ms. Lash provided an explanation as to how the Q & A session was going be conducted.

   b) Bishop Enrique San Pedro Ozanam Center

   Chair Cantu asked Mr. Maldonado, Executive Director of Ozanam Center a question related to the subrecipient application for FY 2014 HUD ESG funds.

   c) Friendship of Women, Inc.

   Ms. Cantu asked a question to staff from friendship of women. Ms. Daisy Lopez, Victim Services Director responded to the question.

   d) Catholic Charities of the RGV

   Chair Cantu proceeded to ask questions to staff sent from Catholic Charities. Unable to answer the questions, Chair Cantu moved to allow them to submit in writing by Monday April 21, 2014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker, and carried unanimously.

6. Other Business
   a) Announcements

   Ms. Julia D Lash, Social Service Coordinator reminded committee the next meeting will be April 30, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. It was also reminded that the questions for the next meeting were due on April 23, 2014. Ms. Stephanie Reyes, introduced new assistant City Manager Ruth Ozuna and Senior program Manager Edgar Reyes.

7. Adjournment

   Chair Cantu asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Ms. Cavazos, seconded by Ms. Zapata, and carried unanimously. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.
Approved this ___ day of ___ , 2014.

Evelyn Cantu
Chair- Brownsville Citizens Advisory Committee

Attests:

Julia Denisse Lash
Social Services Coordinator

Respectfully submitted by:
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