



SAN MARCOS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

The San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth convened in a regular meeting on September 4, 2019 at 501 E Hopkins in San Marcos, Texas.

I. Chair Anne Halsey called the Board Meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

II. Commissioners in Attendance:

- Chair Anne Halsey
- Vice-Chair Alexandra Mylius
- Council Member Melissa Derrick
- Commissioner Nicole Dray
- Commissioner Michelle Hamilton
- Commissioner Suad Hooper
- Commissioner Mattie Howard
- Commissioner Catherine Marler
- Commissioner Marlene Moriarity
- Commissioner Jerilyn Miller
- Commissioner Kim Porterfield

Commissioners Absent:

- Commissioner Christian Duran
- Commissioner Ruah Gleason
- Commissioner David Swain

Staff in Attendance:

- Jessica Ramos
- Christie Murillo

III. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. A motion was made by Kim Porterfield, seconded by Alexandra Mylius, to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2019 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

For:	5 -	Vice-Chair Alexandra Mylius, Council Member Melissa Derrick, Commissioner Nicole
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Dray, Commissioner Marlene Moriarity,
Commissioner Kim Porterfield

Against: 0

Abstain: 6 - Chair Anne Halsey, Commissioner Michelle Hamilton, Commissioner Mattie Howard, Commissioner Suad Hooper, Commissioner Catherine Marler, Commissioner Jerilyn Miller.

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Andrea Villalobos with the COSM Planning and Development Department gives a presentation on the SMTX 4 All Workforce Housing Taskforce:
 - This was a strategic initiative of City Council
 - Began in October 2018
 - Currently, there is a draft plan in place; asking for community feedback
 - San Marcos has 19% poverty rate (without students); 14% poverty rate in Texas
 - There are no homes in the \$100k price range in San Marcos—all are much higher
 - The goal of the taskforce is to have homes for all people, at all stages of life in San Marcos
2. Chair Anne Halsey updates Commission on Mental Health Coalition:
 - Next meeting is September 18 at 1pm at the Activity Center
 - Agenda will be drawn for the fall, and plans for the future of the Coalition will be made
 - There is a new group (NAMI) focusing on Mental Health in Guadalupe County (a pilot program)—Jessica Ramos will send out information

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. Commissioner Nicole Dray spoke with Dan Leal from Seedlings and since funding wasn't available from the school district for the Fall 2019 school year, the process will have to be pushed to start either in Spring 2020 or Fall 2020.
 - Nicole Dray mentions that City will be reinstating its mentoring program
 - Commissioner Kim Porterfield believes Commission needs to discuss how not using the funding for Seedlings this Fall will affect SMCCY funding. She doesn't believe it's a good idea to ask to roll funds over and would like to consider finding out if the money budgeted can still be spent on Seedlings to get the ball rolling. Can Commission spend the \$7k budgeted now and allocate the additional \$3k needed during next budget period?

A motion was made by Kim Porterfield, seconded by Suad Hoper, that the SMCCY update the recommendation for the Seedlings Program to the original recommendation except to change the time frame to the 2020-2021 school year and include an explanation memo. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 11 - Chair Anne Halsey, Vice-Chair Alexandra Mylius, Council Member Melissa Derrick, Commissioner Nicole Dray, Commissioner Michelle Hamilton, Commissioner Suad Hooper, Commissioner Mattie Howard, Commissioner Catherine Marler, Commissioner Marlene

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Commissioner Kim Porterfield

Against: 0

*Commissioner Kim Porterfield and Commissioner Nicole Dray to work on memo together

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. San Marcos Youth Commission Recruitment:
 - In recruitment process now
 - Commissioner Kim Porterfield will send out dates of when SMCCY can support recruitment efforts
 - School Principals and SMCCY can help with voter registration drives
2. This item was combined into the discussion of item #3
3. CORE 4 Initiative:
 - SMCCY was never meant to be a governing body-not program implementors
 - CORE 4 focused on early childhood and after school care
 - It was always the intention to have a high-level senior staff person within the City that would spearhead all the initiatives on behalf of the Commission and would report to the Commission; this did not come to fruition but is still needed
 - CORE 4 re-met recently to discuss how to go forward
 - Chair Anne Halsey would like SMCCY to make a recommendation to Council that Council give authority to the City Manager's Office to hire a full-time, high level senior staff position.
 - This person would coordinate the various activities and deliverables and report to both the SMCCY and CORE 4.
 - Should be a contract with a local non-profit for a specified period of time so this person would exist in a neutral space.
 - CORE 4 and City would all fund this position, with City paying 50% and CORE 4 equally funding the balance
 - Chair Anne Halsey would like to pledge half of the SMCCY's \$54k budget for the next 2 years for this position
 - This person would help move the needle on Mental Health Coalition, Early Childhood Coalition, grant writing, implementing Youth Master Plan and would spearhead Commission's initiatives
 - Discussion is currently leaning towards housing the position at Village Main under the umbrella of Community Action and Carol Belver.
 - Both SMCCY and SMYC would still exist; this person would come to all the SMCCY and SMYC meetings.
 - Chair Anne Halsey has already drafted a job description
 - Council Member Melissa Derrick has been working on this since January to ensure funding can happen
 - First step is to get a recommendation resolution for this position to Council and get approval for this structure so it can develop. This step will in turn help clarify some SMCCY roles.

A motion was made by Michelle Hamilton, seconded by Melissa Derrick, that the San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth would like City Council to consider allocating funding for a full-time, high level executive position that will help oversee the implementation of the Youth Master Plan, with the San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth earmarking half of its City

Council appropriated funding for the next two years to support this position. The motion carried by the following vote:

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Against: 0

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

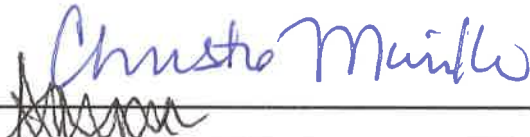
- High level position job description

IX. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH PRESS AND PUBLIC

None.

X. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57pm by Chair Anne Halsey



Staff Liaison



Board/Commission Chair