



SAN MARCOS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2019

The San Marcos Commission on Children and Youth convened in a regular meeting on October 2, 2019 at 501 E Hopkins in San Marcos, Texas.

I. Chair Anne Halsey called the Board Meeting to order at 11:39 a.m.

II. Commissioners in Attendance:

- Chair Anne Halsey
- Council Member Melissa Derrick
- Commissioner Ruah Gleason
- Commissioner Suad Hooper
- Commissioner Mattie Howard
- Commissioner Catherine Marler
- Commissioner Marlene Moriarity

Commissioners Absent:

- Commissioner Christian Duran
- Commissioner Michelle Hamilton
- Commissioner Jerilyn Miller
- Vice-Chair Alexandra Mylius

Commissioners Excused:

- Commissioner Nicole Dray
- Commissioner Kim Porterfield

Staff in Attendance:

- Christie Murillo

III. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. A motion was made by Melissa Derrick, seconded by Mattie Howard, to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2019 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

For:	7 -	Chair Anne Halsey, Council Member Melissa Derrick, Commissioner Ruah Gleason, Commissioner Suad Hooper, Commissioner Mattie Howard, Commissioner Catherine Marler, Commissioner Marlene Moriarity
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Against:	0
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V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Kate Warnell with Texas State’s Psychology Department gives an update on the Science in the Parks project:
 - Goal is to bring science outreach to local families
 - Launched this past summer (June 2019)
 - Will be sharing info about child development with SMCCY
 - Study only takes 10 minutes
 - Have been going to Children’s Park for the past few months on Fridays and Saturdays
 - 87 kids, ages 4-9 years have been surveyed; 87 free books given away as a thank you for participating
 - 40% white, non-Hispanic; 43% Hispanic; 6% bi-racial; 5% Black, African American; 1% Asian
 - 60% at park with mom
 - 45% had parent with college degree
 - VP of Research at TxState is enthusiastic about this work
 - 1/4 to 1/3 of children survey have been bi-lingual
 - If there are any measures SMCCY would like to have collected, just let them know

VI. ACTION ITEMS

2. Change of Community Action’s grant funding from YouthFest! to Baby Day (Feb 15); \$1600.

A motion was made by Melissa Derrick, seconded by Marlene Moriarity, to change the grant funding issued to Community Action for use of YouthFest! to instead be used for Baby Day, which will take place on February 15, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

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Against:	0
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VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion on job description for Youth Initiatives executive level position:
 - Another CORE 4 meeting to take place later this month.
 - Council recently passed Resolution approving use of SMCCY funds for this position; direction on moving forward with non-profit.
 - Staff met with Carol Belver with Community Action to house this position; will meet again soon to discuss more details, job description
 - Council Member Melissa Derrick met with Debbie Ingalsbe and Judge Ruben Becerra with Hays County to discuss Hays County’s involvement; both were excited about moving forward and Debbie Ingalsbe said she would carry it.
 - County wants to wait until November to make budget adjustments
 - Other entities involved are public entities so in order for them to put funding towards something it has to have a direct relationship to their mission and goals otherwise it can be seen as a gift of public funds.
 - Hoping to start applications in June, provided funding is in place by end of year.

- 2-year pilot program with opportunity to either stop or keep going, depending on success.
- SMCCY to look at job description Chair Anne Halsey drew up and make any changes and send them to Jessica Ramos by Wednesday, October 9.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Youth Initiatives position
- Consider change of day and time SMCCY meets

IX. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH PRESS AND PUBLIC

None.

X. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm by Chair Anne Halsey



Staff Liaison



Board/Commission Chair

