CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Chair Leticia Lopez called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and also lead the flag salute.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Clerk Maria Ayala announced that were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment provided.

ELECTION

1. City Clerk
   Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to serve until the next annual election.

   Recommendation:
   A. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a "project" as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378; and
   B. Elect one of its members as Chairperson for a one-year term; and
   C. Elect one of its members as Vice-Chairperson for a one-year term.

It was moved by Juliet Goff and seconded by Michael Gavina to elect Leticia Lopez as Chairperson for a one year term. Motion carried, 6-0.

Yes: Leticia Lopez, Juliet Goff, Julia Juarez, Michael Gavina, David Juarez, James Chang
No: None

It was moved by Julia Juarez and seconded by Leticia Lopez to elect Juliet Goff as Vice Chairperson for a one year term. Motion carried, 5-0.

Yes: Leticia Lopez, Juliet Goff, Julia Juarez, Michael Gavina, David Juarez, James Chang
No: None
Abstain: Juliet Goff

New Committee Member James Chang introduced himself to the Committee and the public.

PRESENTATION

2. City Administration
   Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grantee Presentation – Southeast Community Development Corporation (SCDC)
   Presentation by: Cesar Zaldivar-Motts
Mr. Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, Execute Director, Southeast Community Development Corporation conducted the presentation.

Vice Chair Goff inquired as to the cost of the internet service. Mr. Zaldivar-Motts responded accordingly. A discussion ensued between Committee and staff regarding internet services, enrollment, discount programs, and advertisement.

3. City Administration
Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grantee Presentation – LA Family Housing
Presentation by: Hilary Mandel

Ms. Hilary Mandel, Director of Grants at LA Family Housing, conducted the presentation. Ms. Mandel thanked the Committee for their support and generosity.

MINUTES

4. Minutes of the Regular Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee Held on November 28, 2018

It was moved by Juliet Goff and seconded by Michael Gavina to approve the amended Minutes of the Regular Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee Held on November 28, 2019. Motion carried, 6-0.

Yes: Leticia Lopez, Juliet Goff, Julia Juarez, Michael Gavina, David Juarez, James Chang
No: None

GRANT AWARDING

5. City Administration
Award of Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Docket III Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grants

Recommendation:
A. Find that the award of the grants proposed in this staff report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) because it is a government fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378. And even if such action were a “project,” it would be exempt from CEQA review in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and

B. Award Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Docket III grants totaling $138,200 to the five applicants identified below at the amounts recommended:

1) Applicant: Family Health Care Centers of Greater Los Angeles*
   Original Amount Requested: $28,200
   Amount Recommended: $28,200
   Proposed Term: 1 year
   *Returning Grantee

2) Applicant: Helpline Youth Counseling*
   Original Amount Requested: $80,000
   Amount Recommended: $30,000
   Proposed Term: 1 year
   *Returning Grantee

3) Applicant: Human Services Association*
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4) Applicant: The Whole Child
Original Amount Requested: $10,000
Amount Recommended: $10,000
Proposed Term: 1 year
*Returning Grantee

5) Applicant: Woodcraft Rangers*
Original Amount Requested: $40,000
Amount Recommended: $40,000
Proposed Term: 1 year
*Returning Grantee

Fran Jemmott, Jemmott-Rollins Group, reported on the first proposed grant applicant, Health Care Centers of Greater Los Angeles.

A dialogue ensued between Committee and staff regarding general operation expenditures, number of centers operating, personnel management, population served, kiosks and ultrasound machines.

No public comment provided.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Juliet Goff and seconded by Julia Juarez to: A. Find that the award of the grants proposed in this staff report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) because it is a government fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378. And even if such action were a “project,” it would be exempt from CEQA review in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and B. Award Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Docket III grants totaling $138,200 to the five applicants identified below at the amounts recommended: Motion carried, 6-0

Applicant: Family Health Care Centers of Greater Los Angeles*
Original Amount Requested: $28,200
Amount Recommended: $28,200
Proposed Term: 1 year
*Returning Grantee

Yes: Leticia Lopez, Juliet Goff, Julia Juarez, Michael Gavina, David Juarez, James Chang
No: None

Ms. Jemmott, reported on the second proposed grant applicant, Helpline Youth Counseling*.

Committee Member Julia Juarez inquired if the 144 homeless persons placed into stable rental housing were homeless people living on the streets in the Vernon area. Ms. Jemmott replied accordingly.

No public comment provided.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Juliet Goff and seconded by Michael Gavina to: A. Find that the award of the grants proposed in this staff report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) because it is a government fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378. And even if such action were a “project,” it would be exempt from CEQA review in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and B. Award Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Docket III grants totaling $138,200 to the five applicants identified below at the amounts recommended: Motion carried, 6-0
Applicant: Helpline Youth Counseling*
Original Amount Requested: $80,000
Amount Recommended: $30,000
Proposed Term: 1 year
*Returning Grantee

Yes: Leticia Lopez, Juliet Goff, Julia Juarez, Michael Gavina, David Juarez, James Chang
No: None

Maya Cacavas, Jemmott-Rollins Group, reported on the third proposed grant applicant Human Services Association*. Chair Lopez recused herself from the discussion.

No public comment provided.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Juliet Goff and seconded by Michael Gavina to: A. Find that the award of the grants proposed in this staff report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) because it is a government fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378. And even if such action were a “project,” it would be exempt from CEQA review in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and B. Award Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Docket III grants totaling $138,200 to the five applicants identified below at the amounts recommended: Motion carried, 5-0.

Yes: Juliet Goff, Julia Juarez, Michael Gavina, David Juarez, James Chang
No: None
Abstain: Leticia Lopez

Chair Lopez rejoined the meeting.

Ms. Cacavas, reported on the fourth grant applicant, The Whole Child.

Vice-Chair Goff complimented Jemmott-Rollins Group for their well-planned docket presentation.

No public comment provided.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Juliet Goff and seconded by Chair Leticia Lopez to: A. Find that the award of the grants proposed in this staff report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) because it is a government fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378. And even if such action were a “project,” it would be exempt from CEQA review in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and B. Award Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Docket III grants totaling $138,200 to the five applicants identified below at the amounts recommended: Motion carried, 6-0.

Applicant: The Whole Child
Original Amount Requested: $10,000
Amount Recommended: $10,000
Proposed Term: 1 year

Yes: Leticia Lopez, Juliet Goff, Julia Juarez, Michael Gavina, David Juarez, James Chang
No: None

Ms. Jemmott, reported on the fifth grant applicant, Woodcraft Rangers*.

Vice-Chair Goff inquired as to the exposure for the support provided.
Finance Director William Fox explained the City’s conservative approach. A dialogue ensued between Committee and staff regarding the children’s activities versus potential liability on the City’s behalf.

No public comment provided.

It was moved by Julia Juarez and seconded by Chair Leticia Lopez to: A. Find that the award of the grants proposed in this staff report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) because it is a government fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a “project” as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378. And even if such action were a “project,” it would be exempt from CEQA review in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and B. Award Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Docket III grants totaling $138,200 to the five applicants identified below at the amounts recommended: Motion carried, 6-0.

Applicant: Woodcraft Rangers*
Original Amount Requested: $40,000
Amount Recommended: $40,000
Proposed Term: 1 year
*Returning Grantee

Yes: Leticia Lopez, Juliet Goff, Julia Juarez, Michael Gavina, David Juarez, James Chang
No: None

ORAL REPORTS

Diana Figueroa, Administrative Analyst, provided a brief update on the Scholarship Program. The program has been broadcast on social media, the City’s website, and various members of the community have been informed of the program. The deadline to submit applications is Thursday, March 28, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, at 11:27 a.m., Chair Lopez adjourned the meeting.