



CITY OF PITTSBURG COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES: February 1, 2023 Regular Meeting

Commission Chairperson Karen Lewis Foster called the meeting of the Commission to order at 7:02 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	Commissioners Lewis Foster, Clark, Pope, Smith, Hackett, Marsh, and Romena.
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT	None
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES	A majority of commissioners present approved the minutes of October 5, 2022.
CORRESPONDENCE	None

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION COMMITTEES

1. Standing Committees

- a. **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):** Ishani Rasanayagam introduced herself. She has now been here for a little over 2 months and will be taking on a portion of the CDBG from Melaine.
- b. **Traffic/Eyes on the Street:** Commissioner Smith was asked by a neighborhood group how they could have a community block party on the corner of Central and Columbia. They would need to fill out a special event permit application form that is on the website pittsburgca.gov. Commissioner Marsh asked about an area that has gathered water since the storms and was wondering if that was private property or if it was City property and what actions we were taking if it was City property. Commissioner Marsh commended the City on their quick response on the cleanup of different areas of the City. Commissioner Lewis Foster also wanted to commend the communication for the storms warning that was presented through social media, e-mail, text messages, every channels and that was pretty special. Commissioner Smith asked if we will have any additional signs like the one on Buchanan, if so where would they be located and if we will be mailing out flyers to the community about events happening?
- c. **Parks, Recreation, Art, and Public Events:** Jerry Johnson spoke about the

upcoming event that the recreation department is hosting called HoopBus on March 18, 2023. We are inviting you all to attend. It is a free event for the community. The event will include a carnival, offer skills and drills clinic, 3 on 3 games, and more. The location of the event will be held in the parking lot of 340 Marina Blvd which is the Marina Center that we recently got back from the sheriffs training program. The event will be about 6 hours long. The event will start at 10am – 4pm. The Jr NBA program is happening now. This is the first year we are doing it. It took over the Jr Warriors we are now in partnership with the NBA. The Mural that was done on Ace hardware is now completed as of the end of December. Commissioner Lewis Foster spoke about the comedy show at the senior center and expressed how great and how the community was very present there and was grateful for the event. Commissioner Smith asked about the Seafood festival if there was a date and where it would be located. We are excited to announce we are in the process of working on our Community Center that will be downtown at 340 Marina Blvd

- d. **Health Care District:** Commissioner Marsh met with The County LMCH, they are doing a RFP to have someone come out and evaluate what the community needs and then we will start processing grants or sending out applications to our previous grantees to apply for grants.
- e. **Measure M:** They have met back in December and they did start issuing out funding to police, parks and rec, senior center and the list of entities that get the money
- f. **Public Safety:** The Police have events they host every month, one of the events coming up is a Dr. Seuss day at elementary schools. The Police are still taking applications for the Citizens Academy that is on Wednesday Night at 6pm and some Saturdays.
- g. **Pittsburg Recognition Committee:** None
- h. **Youth Advisory Committee:** Youth Advisory Commission will be participating in the HoopBus event by volunteering and getting vendors. They also have a new committee for the Art planning and Mural Installations for the community. They have picked a community youth advisor to participate to help pick the art and sculptures. Also the Pittsburg High School band was invited back to the Warriors stadium this year. They will be performing at the pre-game and 50 members will perform at half time on February 28.
- i. **Voter Registration:** Dissolved on 2/1/23.

AUDIENCE REMARKS

Ronald Edmonds – Lives on a cul-de-sac and got a visit from the community services

officer about his vehicle parked on the street and was told he will get a fine of \$41 because of how his vehicle was parked. The codes are not up-to-date since they have changed as of 2007.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Family Harvest Farms:** Hannah Hodgson, associate director of family harvest farms is there with her coworkers. They have a farm stand that will offer produce to the community on Tuesdays @ 1300 Power Ave from 10am–2pm. They also serve the residents by hosting volunteer days including Pittsburg High School volunteers. It is to encourage healthy living and feed the community. FHF hosts cooking classes for youth and families.
2. **Railroad Avenue Beautification project:** Zuna Baker agent for the City of Pittsburg and the project manager of the local Grant. Caltrans through the Clean California Local Grant funded \$296 million for the enhancement of public spaces allowing communities to beautify and improve streets and roads, tribal lands, parks, pathways and transit center. The City of Pittsburg submitted the “Reviving the Heart of Pittsburg Pride” application and was granted \$2,891,962 for an approximately \$3,305,099 project. There will be six different sites that will see improvements. Before submitting the application we asked the community for their input and what they would like to see. The project needs to be completed by June 30th, 2024 for the funding.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **City-Wide Art Planning and Mural Installation Committee:** Jordan Davis Community and Economic Development Director. It was centered on opportunities to improve aesthetics, drive tourism and celebrate history/diversity. We want to create a blueprint for the City’s approach to integrating public art into activities and development. Murals, sculptures, immersive art experience centered on events in Pittsburg. We will have filming and photography and a dedicated website. Mural locations, artists and final designs will be selected in coordination with PACF and the final approval by City Council. Artist preference to be local, but not exclude potential for notable artists to attract visitors. . We want to reach all demographics of the Pittsburg Community.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/ STAFF COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Marsh mentioned they are trying to exonerate the Port Chicago 50, there is a petition for signatures
2. Effective March Kolette will no longer be facilitating the CAC meetings, Jordan Davis

will be taking over

ADJOURNMENT OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

Submitted by:

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