

**LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD VITALIZATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 3, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Derryberry called the meeting of the Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission to order at 4:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Harris, Mashore, Muhammad, Chair Derryberry

ABSENT: Commissioners Hearn, Kiefer, Vice Chair Moulton

STAFF MEMBERS: Recording Secretary, Management Analyst II, Assistant to the City Manager, Public Safety Manager

INVOCATION: Saida Hulse, The Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Lancaster

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair Derryberry

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – *AGENDIZED ITEMS:*

No speaker cards

CONSENT CALENDAR:

CC 1. Approve the Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission meeting minutes of June 4, 2013.

On a motion by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Muhammad, the Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote: 3-0-1-3; AYES: Harris, Muhammad, Derryberry; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Mashore; ABSENT: Hearn, Kiefer, Moulton

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PRESENTATIONS

**1. UNITE Update
Patti Garibay**

Patti Garibay gave an update on the UNITE Program. The following seven projects have been selected for the program:

- Literacy Festival at Mariposa Elementary
- Art Project and Community BBQ at Mariposa Park
- Health Fair for HS Students at AV High
- School Community BBQ and activities for families at Lincoln Elementary
- Playground Improvement Projects at Desert View Elementary
- Chess Workshop and Tournament at Mariposa Elementary
- Work Readiness Program at AVPH

UNITE Day is Saturday, September 21st and thank you to the community partners, the City's Safer, Stronger Neighborhoods Committee and to this commission. Hope to see you there.

Chair Derryberry asked if additional sponsorship was needed and Ms Garibay stated that they have sufficient funds for the program at this time. Commission thanked her and the Safer, Stronger Neighborhoods Committee for their efforts.

**2. Americorps Vista Members
Kelvin Tainatongo and Luis Garibay**

Luis Garibay introduced volunteers from Americorps Vista working at City Hall to build a volunteer database for Lancaster. The City of Lancaster has partnered with VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) to create a volunteer base through non-profit organizations within the community. They will be working on a survey and sending it out in the next month and will begin research. Their goal is to encourage citizens to volunteer for the various organizations and promote community empowerment and engagement.

**3. Tapestry Commission
Brenda Gamlowski**

Brenda Gamlowski gave a presentation the Tapestry Commission. They are beginning it's "Bridge to Empowerment Season ". With a new theme each month through the end of the year, the goal of the season is to highlight local organizations, community activities, and resources which will bring community awareness to each specific monthly topic. In September, Tapestry will kick off the season by celebrating Cultural Diversity. The theme of Self-Esteem & Personal Security will be highlighted in October. November's theme is that of Gratitude, followed by Faith & Celebration in December.

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Chair Derryberry asked if the Tapestry Commission needed any assistance from this Commission. Ms. Gamlowski stated just to support one another in its endeavors.

**4. Asthamapolis Update
Chair Derryberry**

Chair Derryberry gave an update on the Asthamapolis Program. The commission has participated in several workshops with representatives from the medical community. At the meeting held on July 2, 2013, there was discussion on whether the community would benefit from the Asthamapolis device and program. The representative from Asthamapolis was unable to give complete and accurate study results which made it difficult to recommend spending funds on the program. Many felt that it would be best to serve the community through education. It was recommended to partner with the medical professionals and provide education through the Wellness Homes. Chair Derryberry stated the commission has now been put to task to work on this project. He asked that within the next few months we bring back various local organizations to work on a need assessment survey and find out what is needed.

COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES

1. City Staff Updates
Presenter: Patti Garibay

Patti Garibay gave an update City programs:

- City received the “2013 Most Outstanding Household Hazardous Waste/Universal Waste and E-Waste Program” Award
- City is hosting a community workshop to discuss Zoning in the area south east of the Metrolink Station - Saturday, September 9:30-11:30
- City received grant to develop a Safe Routes to School Master Plan
- MOAH has new exhibit with aerospace theme
- City hosting First Annual Field of Drafts Beer Festival on November 9th

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

George H. Beatty, Sr. – addressed the Commission regarding the ban of plastic bags. The County has already put a ban on usage of plastic bags and when will the City take action. He also addressed the commission on problems with his home. He stated that there is no hood vent which is against code but the City Inspector signed it off. He was directed to speak with City staff and they would look into it.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m. by Chair Derryberry.

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ATTEST:



COMMISSION SECRETARY

APPROVED:



LNV COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES
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I, _____, _____ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission minutes, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CA on this _____ day of _____, _____.