

APPROVED

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2006– 7:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE

Board Members

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>From 10/05</u>	
			<u>(P)</u>	<u>(A)</u>
Marie Conroy		A	2	8
Marjorie Davis		A	0	10
John Hurley, Chair	P		7	3
Diane Schuster	P		8	2
Robert Smith	P		8	2
William Goetz, Vice Chair	P		10	0
Michael Kimmey	P		9	1
Alfred Imgrund		A	7	3
Duane Ingram		A	1	3
Avery Dial	P		9	1
Margaret Birch		A	7	2
Fenel Antoine		A	2	6
Emmett Kater		A	3	4

Staff Present:

Susan Batchelder, Assistant Manager, Housing & Community Development
Karen Reese, Monitoring Administrative Assistant
Laura Maldonado, Clerk-Typist/Receptionist

Margaret A. Muhl, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair John Hurley called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m. The roll call was taken, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Due to the fact that a quorum was not present, no votes would be taken, and therefore, no approval of minutes would be conducted at this meeting.

Dr. Goetz asked for everyone to remain standing and a moment of silence occur for the heroes of September 11th.

Sue Batchelder said she is standing in tonight for Margarett Hayes. Ms. Batchelder announced that Sanford Rosenthal has retired from the Board.

New Board Member Updates

Ms. Batchelder stated that there has been no new appointments made to this Board, but there are a couple of vacancies.

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Other Business

Dr. William Goetz asked if everyone could be reminded about the September 21st meeting.

Ms. Batchelder proceeded to explain that there would be a workshop on September 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the War Memorial for members of all Advisory Boards regarding the Sunshine Law. She urged everyone to attend. For reservations for that meeting individuals are to call Donna Varisco at (954) 828-6313.

Diane Schuster asked if at that meeting they were going to review Roberts Rules of Order. Ms. Batchelder stated that she was not sure of everything that was being placed on the agenda.

Dr. William Goetz stated that at a previous meeting, they had learned that one of the other Advisory Boards had been given a budget of \$25,000 for the last few years, and had used the monies to fund two workshops that were pretty useful. He asked why this Board could not also be proactive and take on the responsibility to the citizens, rather than being reactive and having individuals and organizations apply to this Board for funds.

Dr. Goetz further stated that his interest was in Disaster Medicine when he was practicing emergency medicine, and he felt that there were certain things that needed to be provided to the communities such as medical care and social services. He stated that he comprised a list of things that could stimulate thought for this Board to consider doing such as: Reviewing the Board's Charter and community services that may not be provided. He explained that if the Board could obtain some money from the City Commission, he felt that workshops could be held where they could invite organizations that generally provide community services such as United Way, The Red Cross, and the Salvation Army and have them provide presentations regarding services that are available to the communities and individuals. He stated further that instructions could be provided to neighborhoods on how to conduct themselves in a disaster such as disseminating information to its residents regarding how to obtain available services. He continued stating that possibly grants could be obtained to create a Community Services SWAT Team composed of volunteers to aid individuals in the communities regarding available services.

Dr. Goetz stated that possibly something of this sort was already in existence, but he was not aware of it.

Chair John Hurley asked if Dr. Goetz was suggesting something similar to Homeland Security taking duties from other agencies and combining them under a Community Service Board that would redefine the mission and expand their duties, and possibly reorganize functions done by other boards or agencies within the County. He stated that it could be streamlined by having it under the umbrella of the Community Services Board.

Dr. Goetz stated that was not his intention. His idea was that if community services were offered, this Board could coordinate an effort to make the neighborhoods aware of what services were available and how to obtain them.

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Robert Smith stated that would be like being a PR firm.

Ms. Batchelder stated that on Wednesday night the Commission provided instruction to the City Manager to make further reductions in the proposed budget. For the first time their Division requested General Fund monies and those were cut from \$300,000 to around \$200,000, and then again down to \$100,000. These funds are to cover the Division's administrative costs. She explained that any funding would have to begin with next year's budget cycle which begins around April.

Dr. Goetz further stated that the amount of "seed" money needed to start such a program would probably not be more than \$50,000. He stated that each Commissioner has discretionary funding that might be used. He continued stating that he did not believe there would be anything wrong in asking the Commission for such funding at any time of the year, and whether they could do so or not would be another story.

Ms. Batchelder further stated that the City has an Emergency Management Officer, along with an active PIO office, and many of the things being suggested falls under the realm of those offices. This Board really deals with Federal Funds.

Dr. Goetz advised that the Board's mandate does not address Federal Funds, and that just happens to be the grants this Board dispenses. He further stated that there was nothing stated that this Board could not deal with other community services or obtain grants for such services, other than the Federal Funds they currently have. He stated that even if this was not strictly within the Board's mandate, he felt they could make the request for funding from the Commission, and then change their mandate.

Chair John Hurley stated that when the Board was in full attendance, this suggestion could be reviewed and discussed further.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Muhl
Recording Secretary