

**MINUTES  
VERNON COMMUNITY FUND GRANT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021  
REMOTE LOCATION VIA ZOOM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Chair Lopez led the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Leticia Lopez, Chair (via remote access)  
James Chang, Committee Member (via remote access)  
Ronit Edry, Committee Member (via remote access)  
Frank Gaviña, Committee Member (via remote access)  
Mark Gonzalez, Committee Member (via remote access)  
Michelle Ybarra, Committee Member (via remote access)

ABSENT: Steven Froberg, Committee Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Zaynah Moussa, Interim City Attorney (via remote access)  
Lisa Pope, City Clerk (via remote access)  
Scott Williams, Finance Director (via remote access)  
Diana Figueroa, Administrative Analyst (via remote access)  
Frances Jemmott, City Consultant (via remote access)

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION**

Member Gaviña moved and Member Chang seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried 6-0, Member Froberg absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS****1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**

Recommendation: Select one member to serve as Chair and one member to serve as Vice Chair for the term ending June 30, 2022.

City Clerk Pope presented the staff report.

**MOTION**

Chair Lopez moved and Member Edry seconded a motion to appoint Frank Gaviña to serve as Chair for the term ending June 30, 2022. The question was called and the motion carried 6-0, Member Froberg absent.

**MOTION**

Member Lopez moved and Member Chang seconded a motion to appoint Mark Gonzalez to serve as Vice Chair for the term ending June 30, 2022. The question was called and the motion carried 6-0, Member Froberg absent.

**CONSENT CALENDAR****MOTION**

Member Lopez moved and Member Ybarra seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried 6-0, Member Froberg absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following item:

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Recommendation: Approve the May 19, 2021 Regular Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee meeting minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS****3. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Docket I Vernon CommUNITY Fund Direct Service Grants**

Recommendation: Award Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Docket I Direct Service Grants totaling \$373,325 to the following applicants: 1) Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles (Returning Grantee) - \$20,000; 2) CA Derby Dolls (Returning Grantee) - \$15,000; 3) Centinela Youth Services, Inc. - \$15,000; 4) Chicas Rockeras Southeast Los Angeles (Returning Grantee) - \$25,000; 5) East Los Angeles Women's Center (Returning Grantee) - \$50,000; 6) Girl Scouts Greater Los Angeles (Returning Grantee) - \$20,000; 7) Helping Hands Society of Los Angeles - \$15,000; 8) LA Family Housing Corporation (Returning Grantee) - \$50,000; 9) Las Fotos Project (Returning Grantee) - \$20,000; 10) Southeast Churches Service Center (Returning Grantee) - \$50,000; 11) Southeast Community Development Corporation (Returning Grantee) - \$23,325; 12) Southeast Los Angeles Collaborative - \$40,000; and 13) Woodcraft Rangers (Returning Grantee) - \$30,000.

Administrative Analyst Figueroa and Frances Jemmott, City Consultant, presented the staff report.

In response to Vice Chair Gonzalez, Consultant Jemmott explained that Puente Learning Center was not recommended due to its ability to access other funding sources. She further explained that Via Care was not recommended, nor any major clinics, due to the expectation that they would have funding reinforcements.

Vice Chair Gonzalez expressed concern that the proposed recipients were mainly from the southeast area. He suggested removing Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles and East Los Angeles Woman's Center since they had large budgets and access to other funding and allocating those funds to Via Care.

In response to Chair Gaviña, Consultant Jemmott explained the \$20,000 grant to Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles would be used toward its Spanish language access project.

In response to Member Edry, Consultant Jemmott explained that organizations were required to follow auditing guidelines established for charitable foundations which were highly scrutinized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the City required biannual reports from the grantees.

Vice Chair Gonzalez suggested reallocating the \$20,000 from Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles and \$100,000 from East Los Angeles Women's Center to Via Care. Consultant Jemmott explained that Via Care requested \$60,000 for dental services to low-income families.

#### **MOTION**

Vice Chair Gonzalez moved to reallocate the \$20,000 proposed to Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles to Via Care contingent on positive due diligence.

Member Edry suggested using a portion of the Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles funds for Via Care.

Vice Chair Gonzalez withdrew the motion based on the direction that staff encourage Via Care to apply for the next round of grants.

#### **MOTION**

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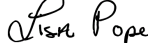
**ORAL REPORTS**

Administrative Analyst Figueroa offered orientation to the new Commissioners.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Gaviña adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

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FRANK GAVIÑA, Chair

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LISA POPE, City Clerk  
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