

Minutes - Citizens Advisory Commission
Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Police Department Training Room, C. Reed Vance Police Building

Call to Order

Liz York called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

Members present:

Liz York, Chair
Jeff Anselmi, Vice Chair
Ken Cecil, Secretary
Sandra Kenny
LaVerne Jenkins
Clyne Namuo
Greg Thomas

Other people present:

Mary Jacobs, Assistant City Manager
Pam Weir, City of Sierra Vista Staff Liaison
David Felix, Finance Manager

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Cecil moved to approve the 3/23/15 CAC meeting minutes. Mr. Anselmi seconded the motion. Ms. York requested that the "Neighborhood Enforcement" language be revised to read "Neighborhood Enhancement." The 3/23/15 meeting minutes were approved with the recommended change 7-0.

Discussion of Citizen Advisory Commissioners' Current and Future City Service Level Priorities

Ms. Jacobs summarized the written materials provided to the CAC including: CAC Service Level Priorities by Outcome Area, City Budget At-a-Glance, City Financial Policies, General Fund Initial Projection, General Fund 5-Year Projection, Capital Improvement Fund Projection, and Revenue Options List (attached).

Following the review of the City's revenue outlook, the CAC discussed options for potential changes to the City's revenue streams and financial policies. Members noted that "unfencing" the dedicated revenue for the Capital Improvements Fund could be used to pay for the cost of the classification and compensation adjustments, but would not provide any additional general fund revenue beyond that. Members also discussed various options for changing the City's Transaction Privilege Tax Package, in particular to augment revenue streams that would benefit from Sierra Vista's large daytime population. Members agreed that they would like to see expenditure estimates for possible implementation of their priority service level increases so that they have a better idea of what magnitude of revenue increase they might target.

Call to the Public

Amy Carter discussed the importance of investing in long-term infrastructure, programs for children, and solar energy.

Craig Mount asked the CAC to consider the market and opportunity costs of changes to the City tax structure.

Andre Newcomb discussed the importance of having adequate staffing in the Police and Fire Departments.

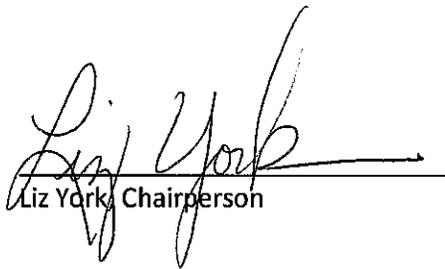
Next Meeting

Scheduled for Monday, March 30, at 2:00 pm in the Police Department Training Room. Topics will include continued CAC deliberations regarding current and future service level needs, possible revenue adjustments, and the final citizen engagement plan.

Meeting Adjourned

Mr. Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Jenkins seconded the motion. The CAC voted to adjourn the meeting 7-0.

Ms. York adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm


Liz York, Chairperson


Ken Cecil, Secretary