

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
NORWALK SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
September 7, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Richard LeGaspi at 6:30 p.m. at the Social Services Center, 11929 Alondra Boulevard. Responding to roll call were Commission members, Norma Amezcua Jalna Boltz, , Martin Greenidge, Bryan Lopez, Antonieta Paez, Dora Sandoval, Alondra Santos, and Mary Stodola. Absent from the meeting was Commissioner Christopher Castillo.

Also present were Mayor Luigi Vernola and Councilmember Tony Ayala, staff members Veronica Garcia, Sandra Benavides, and Mayra Garcia.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jalna Boltz moved and Commissioner Dora Sandoval seconded to approve the June 1, 2017 minutes of the Social Services Commission meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Homeless Count Information – Presentation of Information

Staff member Mayra Garcia presented information relative to the 2017 Homeless count in Norwalk. Also discussed was the involvement of LAHSA role in the homeless count of the local riverbeds and shelter count.

Discussion was held relative to available programs and services, the allocation of Measure H funds and other possible means of existing funding available to combat the growing homeless issue.

Angel Tree Project – Saturday, December 9, 2017 – Discussion on Program Objectives

Director Garcia informed the Commissioners that Angel Tree preparations have begun and that the School District Superintendents have been contacted.

Discussion was held relative to the participation of the existing school districts, the possibility of including participants from Parochial schools and the referral process. A brief discussion was held relative to having additional sites and the possibility of distributing the tags to the sites prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Election of Officers

Martin Greenidge was elected as Chair of the Commission and Norma Amescua was elected as Vice Chair.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff Benavides informed the commission of the upcoming programs and events taking place at Senior and Social Services Centers.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners provided information on upcoming community events and the joint efforts between the Social Services Center and the Lions Club in donating funds to prepare hygiene kits for the homeless.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. to the next Social Services Commission meeting to be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017.



Martin Greenidge, Chair
Norwalk Social Services Commission