

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
NORWALK SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION
February 7, 2019**

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

Staff present were Interim Social Services Manager Gabriela Regalado and Office Assistant II Yvette Kizziar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sandoval moved and Commissioner LeGaspi seconded to approve the January 3, 2019 minutes of the regular Social Services Commission meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Services-Social Services Designation

Staff member Regalado requested input regarding the proposed department name change. After much discussion and a motion that was rescinded, the commission agreed to table the item to the next regular scheduled meeting.

2019 Homeless Count

Staff member Regalado reported on the Homeless count event. Although statistics will take a while to be reported, overall it was a successful event with most of the commissioners participating in the count along with other volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Services – Social Services Designation

Staff member Regalado reported that the CDBG funding interviews for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 will be led by the Community Development Housing Department staff. Commissioners will be provided with agency recommendations at a later date once staff has finished all interviews.

Angel Tree Recognition

Staff member Regalado reported on the Angel Tree Recognition event and complimented Senior Center staff for a successful event. Staff received many compliments from guests. Commissioners Boltz and LeGaspi shared some suggestions for the next scheduled Angel Tree Recognition.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff member Regalado shared upcoming Senior Center and Social Services Center events. Along with Income Tax Preparation information.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

All commissioners shared their sentiments regarding the Angel Tree Recognition event. Commissioner Amezcua reported that she will not be present at the next regular scheduled meeting on March 7. Commissioners Boltz and LeGaspi shared softhearted and humorous stories regarding their participation as Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Angel Tree event. Commissioner Boltz stated that she favors the computerized check-in system at the Angel Tree event.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Martin Greenidge, Chair
Norwalk Social Services Commission