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Citizen Outreach Group - July 20, 2020

**Members Present Via
Virtual/Teleconference
Meeting:**

Stephanie Adams, CheyAnne Clemons, David Couch, Kelvin Dean,
Ed Dills, Arthur Glynn, Dan Lanotte, Fadil Lee, Roland Rainey,
Ross Robbins

County Staff Present:

Sherri Cassidy, Kenny Hodges, Ryan Parsell, Deanna Ruschioni,
Nikki Simmons

Commissioners Present:

Longinos Gonzalez, Jr., Vice-Chair

Guest Speakers:

Sheriff Bill Elder, Undersheriff Pete Carey, Chief of Staff Janet Huffor,
Administrative Bureau Chief Joseph Roybal

Guests:

Four applicants for the At-large opening

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Administrative Items

- 1) A motion was made to approve the June 15, 2020 meeting minutes as written; it was seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously by all present (10-0), with one opening to be filled.
- 2) All current members were present at the July 20, 2020 COG meeting (10), with one opening to be filled.

Commissioner Liaison Comments:

Commissioner Vice-Chair, Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. addressed the COG members, thanking them for the great work they are doing. He also spoke to the success of the 2020 annual Junior Livestock Sale (4-H stock auction) that took place on Saturday, July 18th at the El Paso County Fair and mentioned that he felt it went very well.

Updated 2020 Meeting Schedule & Agenda:

Sherri Cassidy spoke to the updated 2020 Meeting Schedule & Agenda letting the members know that we would like to hold a COG meeting on September 21st since the 2020 Citizens College has been canceled due to the COVID-19.



CARES Act Funding for Grants to Small Businesses:

Sherri Cassidy and Nikki Simmons spoke to the \$7.6M of CARES Act funding being set aside for funding for grants to small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Mid-July they will be accepting applications for these grants up to \$20K each to help small businesses with their expenses related to the time they have been closed (rent, utilities, etc.) and costs to reopening (PPE's, signage, etc.). The COG was asked to assist with the reviews/rankings should El Paso County need to handle this in-house. However, Sherri mentioned they have received some strong bids from contractors to handle this process and believes that one of these will be awarded the bid by the end of this week; thanking the COG members who volunteered. There will be a marketing campaign to let all the small businesses know about this, and then the final funding approvals/recommendations for the awards will be made at the County level by three of our County leaders. The goal is to have the funding distributed by October 1, 2020.

Stephanie Adams asked Ryan Parsell if he would provide the COG with talking points in which they could share within their circles and the public to assist in the awareness of this matter.

Arthur Glynn raised the question with Ryan about possibly holding virtual town hall meetings between the public and the Commissioners to bring more awareness about the CARES Act. Ryan mentioned that the technology is there already in the board hearing room, but the equipment is presently being updated. Arthur volunteered to assist with the coordinating steps and mentioned he would contact the Commissioners to see if they would be interested, and then the Public Information Office can assist with the technical side and advertisement.

Public Safety Tax Presentation:

Sheriff Bill Elder presented the yearly (PST) Public Safety Tax to the COG, and answered questions presented to him from the participants. The Sheriff mentioned that they welcome anyone who is interested in a tour of the El Paso County Criminal Justice Center, a ride along, etc., to please pursue this through the Sheriff's office.

The Public Safety Tax (1A) presentation to the COG can be viewed on the Sheriff's website page at: <https://www.epcsheriffsoffice.com/sites/default/files/resources/COGPresentation.pdf>;

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.