# MINUTES VERNON COMMUNITY FUND GRANT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

# **FLAG SALUTE**

Chair Lopez led the Flag Salute.

# **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Leticia Lopez, Chair (via remote access)

Michael Gaviña, Vice Chair (via remote access)

James Chang, Committee Member (via remote access) Mark Gonzalez, Committee Member (via remote access) Judith Merlo, Committee Member (via remote access)

ABSENT: Steven Froberg, Committee Member

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Zaynah Moussa, Senior Deputy City Attorney (via remote access)

Lisa Pope, City Clerk (via remote access)

Diana Figueroa, Administrative Analyst (via remote access)

Frances Jemmott, City Consultant (via remote access)

James Hull, City Consultant (via remote access)

# APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

# **MOTION**

Member Gonzalez moved and Chair Lopez seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried 5-0, Member Froberg absent.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **MOTION**

Vice Chair Gaviña moved and Chair Lopez seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried 5-0, Member Froberg absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following item:

# 1. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the November 18, 2020 Regular Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee meeting minutes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# 2. Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Docket II Vernon CommUNITY Fund Scholarship Grants

Recommendation: Award Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Docket II Scholarship Grants totaling \$20,000 to the following applicants: 1) Dianne Ayala (Applicant #3), Boyle Heights STEM Magnet High School - \$3,700; 2) Anahy Bautista (Applicant #1), Maywood Center for Enriched Studies Magnet School - \$3,700; 3) Miguel Cocoletzi (Applicant #6), East Los Angeles Renaissance Academy - \$2,600; 4) Daniella Hernandez (Applicant #2), Maywood Center for Enriched Studies Magnet School - \$2,600; 5) Emily Mojica (Applicant #4), Maywood Center for Enriched Studies Magnet School - \$3,700; and 6) Melissa Ponce (Applicant #5), Maywood Center for Enriched Studies Magnet School - \$3,700.

Administrative Analyst Figueroa presented the staff report. In response to Committee questions, Administrative Analyst Figueroa stated she anticipated the reduced number of applicants was due to COVID-19. City Consultant Jemmott concurred with the effect of COVID-19 on the application process.

# **MOTION**

Vice Chair Gaviña moved and Member Chang seconded a motion to: Award Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Docket II Scholarship Grants totaling \$20,000 to the following applicants: 1) Dianne Ayala (Applicant #3), Boyle Heights STEM Magnet High School - \$3,700; 2) Anahy Bautista (Applicant #1), Maywood Center for Enriched Studies Magnet School - \$3,700; 3) Miguel Cocoletzi (Applicant #6), East Los Angeles Renaissance Academy - \$2,600; 4) Daniella Hernandez (Applicant #2), Maywood Center for Enriched Studies Magnet School - \$2,600; 5) Emily Mojica (Applicant #4), Maywood Center for Enriched Studies Magnet School - \$3,700; and 6) Melissa Ponce (Applicant #5), Maywood Center for Enriched Studies Magnet School - \$3,700. The question was called and the motion carried 5-0, Member Froberg absent.

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# 3. Vernon CommUNITY Fund Allocation and Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Recommendation: Discuss the anticipated Vernon CommUNITY Fund grantmaking program allocation for fiscal year 2021/2022 and provide recommendations to staff for grantmaking in the upcoming fiscal year.

Administrative Analyst Figueroa presented the staff report.

#### **MOTION**

Member Gonzalez moved and Vice Chair Gaviña seconded a motion to proceed with a grantmaking allocation of 95% direct service grants and 5% scholarship grants for fiscal year 2021/2022. The question was called and the motion carried 5-0, Member Froberg absent.

# **ORAL REPORTS**

None.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Lopez adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

FRANKAGA VIÑA, Chair

LISA POPE, City Clerk

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