



**CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (PUBLIC SAFETY)**  
**SANGER COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 5, 2016**  
**Regular Meeting – 6:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at [6:03:12 PM](#).

Chairperson Adams asked that, since there are many items to cover during the meeting, Members keep their comments brief and specific and that all discussion is directed by her as the Chairperson.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Secretary Tony Gonzales led the flag salute.

**C. ROLL CALL**

Present: Jeanne Adams, Michael Steinhauer, Tony Gonzales, Sue Simpson, James Miser  
Absent: None

**D. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

None.

**E. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS**

Secretary Gonzales moved to approve the agenda, Committee Member Steinhauer seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. SUBJECT: Minutes for February 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 1, 2016 meetings

Committee Member Miser moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2016 as presented, Committee Member Simpson seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

Committee Member Steinhauer moved to correct the minutes of March 1, 2016 under item G-6 Fire Department Update by changing the word “experienced” to “training” in the first paragraph. Secretary Gonzales seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

**G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. SUBJECT: Measure S Budget, Revenue, and Expenditure Report – February 2016

City Manager Chapa presented the Revenue & Expenditure Report for February 2016.

2. SUBJECT: Measure S Gang Prevention/Intervention Grant Applications [6:10:35 PM](#)

Police Chief Silver Rodriguez presented the staff report related to the Measure S Gang Prevention/Intervention Grant applications.

Public comment:

Colin Smallman indicated that he headed a committee of about 25 to 30 volunteers that established Measure S. He expressed his concern about expanding Measure S to grant funds to community based organizations because it is beyond the realm of the public safety measure and he does not see how it fits with the description of the ballot measure.

Randall Guerra asked if the Community Resident Services differs from Sherry's Ark and what was allocated from Measure S for the grant funding.

Grant Presentations:

Representatives of Big Brothers-Big Sisters (Unity Estates) presented their grant request for a high-school "Bigs" program. This is a new program, requested by Mr. Church of the alternative high school, in which high school students will mentor elementary students.

Arlene Mendoza & Rudy Matcham of the Boys & Girls Club – Project Purple presented their grant request to assist in the ongoing conflict of the "reds" and the "blues" street gangs. The purpose of the Boys & Girls Club – Project Purple, in partnership with Family Worship Center, is gang prevention and to show gang members that there is a better way of life. Utilizing the Phoenix program, Boys & Girls Club – Project Purple teach resistance and conflict resolution skills and encourage community service.

Arlene Mendoza and Kim Ozuna of the Boys & Girls Club – Street SMART presented their grant request. SMART (skills, mastery, and resistance training) is a national evidenced based prevention program to address risky behavior of youth. The SMART program helps deter gang involvement and promote healthy attitudes in youth.

Ali Valencia, Director of Community Resident Services, stated she was confused that her program was not included in the recommendations. She indicated that after reading the other grant applications she discovered claims about her program that she did not agree with and that were not brought to her attention. She indicated that the Boys & Girls Club – Project Purple 16/17 program plan was not discussed with her and is in conflict with the current programming in place at Unity Estates. She further indicated that as of today, no other program will take place at Unity Estates apartment complex. The current collaboration and partnership with Big Brothers-Big Sisters will continue at Unity Estates because it is a program she help developed. She announced that she is terminating her relationship with Boys & Girls Club and requested that the Measure S Committee be more diligent in

reviewing proposals to make sure that applicants are truthful about what they are doing in the community of Sanger and not misrepresenting other organizations.

Dr. Jerry Valadez, of SAM Academy, indicated that SAM Academy is in year 3 of existence in Sanger. He stated that he is able to respond to specific questions about their financial status and can show how Measure S funding is being expended. SAM Academy is a youth development program unique in the Central Valley with a focus on science, art and music. The purpose of their grant request is to provide quality after school programs for at-risk children in Sanger and to promote skills and values that are important for school and career success.

Randall Guerra, Executive Director of Sherry's Ark, indicated that Sherry's Ark is an organization 4 years in the making to establish permanent residences for veterans.

Secretary Gonzales indicated that he is in support of the recommendations of the internal review committee and that grantees should understand the evaluation program being implemented.

Committee Member Steinhauer asked if other Committee Members had any questions that arose from what was presented that should be discussed.

Committee Member Miser indicated that the City Council would be responsible for approving the grants and the Committee's responsibility is to give approval to the Council that the grantees meet the guidelines and requirements. He further indicated that the information included in the applications do not allow the Committee to make such recommendations. Member Miser suggested that the item be tabled until a process can be put in place to safely make the recommendations.

City Manager Chapa indicated that there are two issues to potentially resolve. First, is the issue presented by Member Miser in terms of financial information and the requirement to submit audits. Though the process itself does not require an extensive forensic audit, all the organizations have expressed that they have an internal process and have offered to provide additional financial information as needed. Secondly is the issue presented by the representative of Unity Estates in that Unity Estates would not participate in the Boys & Girls Club – Project Purple program. Taking that into consideration, the Boys & Girls Club – Project Purple would then have three locations instead of 4 and the Committee might consider reducing the amount that was to be allocated by one quarter.

After further discussion, Committee Member Simpson moved to approve the recommendation of the Internal Review Committee to grant funds from Measure S to provide funding support to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central CA, Boys & Girls Club – Project Purple, Boys & Girls Club – Street SMART, and SAM Academy. The amounts to be funded were amended to decrease the amount proposed for the Boys & Girls Club – Project Purple by 20% and that the 20% would be distributed to the other groups at the Council's discretion.

The amounts to be funded are as follows:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$12,000
Boys & Girls Club- Project Purple	\$24,198 (\$30,247 less 20%)
Boys & Girls Club- Street SMART	\$27,520
SAM Academy	\$54,720

The motion was seconded by Secretary Gonzales and approved by the following vote:

AYES: ADAMS, STEINHAUER, GONZALES, SIMPSON  
NOES: MISER  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

3. SUBJECT: Fire Department Update

Fire Chief Greg Tarascou reported that bid documents for purchase of the new fire engine have been signed.

4. SUBJECT: Police Department Update

Police Chief Silver Rodriguez reported the following: the Police Department is partnering with several groups to hold a RAGE (raging against gangs everywhere) Conference at the Family Resource Center on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Sanger High is sponsoring a Career Fair on April 18<sup>th</sup> and has invited the Police Department to participate to encourage high school students to seek law enforcement careers; appointed a new police officer, JD Torrence and working closely with the Human Resources Department to fill the other vacant positions; Coffee with the Chiefs will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Unity Estates Community Room.

***H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION***

Dr. Jerry Valadez thanked the Committee for their consideration regarding the grant funding and suggested that the Committee consider looking at the residual that is still in the budget and not being used this year to be distributed to the qualified applicants.

***I. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS***

City Manager Chapa reminded the Committee that at the April 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the firm hired to conduct the Measure S polling will be presenting the initial poll findings.

***J. MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

Committee Member Simpson thanked the grant applicants for contributing to the community to prevent youth from getting into gangs.

Vice Chairperson Steinhauer indicated that he has been on the Committee the longest of all other Members and that along the way the staff has explained to the Committee that Measure S is comprised of five facets including gang and drug prevention and intervention.

Chairperson Adams thanked the groups for the work that they do – have been a grantwriter and run small non-profits, know tremendous amount of work goes into writing grants; thank you; wish we had so much more money to have allotted to all. Don't give up, keep it up.

***K. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING***

1. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 6 p.m.
2. City Council meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month. The next regularly scheduled City Council meetings will be April 7 and 21, 2016. Please note: FM3 will be presenting the results of the community polling regarding the special purpose sales tax initiative at the April 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

***L. ADJOURNMENT***

Secretary Gonzales moved to adjourn, Member Simpson seconded; all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at [8:09:16 PM](#).

*Minutes prepared by:*

*Becky Hernandez, City Clerk/Deputy Personnel Officer*

Attest:

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Tony Gonzales, Secretary  
*Citizen's Oversight Committee/Measure S*