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**MINUTES** of Regular Meeting of the **Brownsville Citizens' Advisory Committee (BCAC)**, held in the City Plaza, Blue Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1034 E. Levee St., Brownsville, TX 78520 on **Wednesday, March 26, 2014—6:00 p.m.** with the following members present:

**Present:**

Evelyn Cantu, Chair  
Chris Pineda  
Estella Aguirre  
Rene Van Haaften  
Mary Helen Flores

Martin Sarkis  
Marlys Zapata

**Absent:**

Joe Rodriguez  
Pankaj Patel  
Susan Walker  
Esmeralda Farias Cavazos

**Others Present:**

Jose F. Perez, CDBG Program Manager  
Julia Denisse Lash, Social Services Coordinator

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chair Cantu. A quorum of the Committee was present.

**2. Public Comments (9 Minutes)**

Chair Cantu acknowledged that no citizens were present but did ask if anyone had called regarding this item. Mr. Perez stated that no individual signed up nor contacted our office for public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- a. **February 26, 2014- Regular Meeting**
- b. **March 19, 2014 – Regular Meeting**

Motion to **approve** minutes was made by Mr. Pineda and **seconded** by Mr. Van Haaften, and carried unanimously, the minutes for March 26, 2014 Regular Meeting were **approved**.

#### **4. Presentations**

##### **a. Introduction**

Mr. Perez introduced Mr. James McCoy, MR. David Abrego, and Mr. Roman McAllen who will present the final projects approved by City Management through a brief PowerPoint presentation.

##### **b. Southmost Public Library**

Mr. McCoy mentioned that this project is an ongoing project and is in the last stages, therefore City Management approved the allocation of funds. Mr. McCoy also mentioned that Phase III will furnish the dome to convert it from hurricane and tornado shelter to a community center as its alternate purpose.

##### **c. Villa Nueva Sewer Project**

Mr. Abrego presented on Phase II of the Villanueva Sewer Improvement Project. Phase II will provide the physical connections from the main sewer line to individual homes. Mr. Pineda asked why \$273,000 is needed for the project.

##### **d. Southmost Public Library**

Mr. Roman McAllen who presented on Phase II of the Brownsville Performing Arts Academy. Phase II will provide funding to make the BPAA operable.

#### **5. Other Business**

##### **a. Announcements**

Ms. Lash asked for an approval of minutes for the February 26, 2014 Regular Meeting, Chair Cantu to **approve** the minutes Mr. Van Haaften approved motion

##### **b. Oath of Office- Martin Sarkis**

Chair Cantu then performed oath of office for Mr. Martin Sarkis.

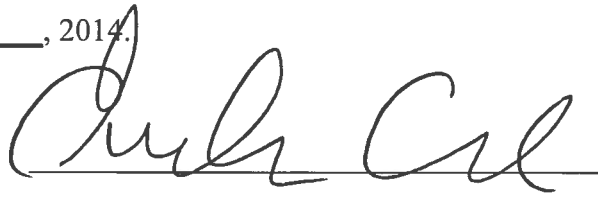
##### **c. Pictures- Martin Sarkis & Mary Helen Flores**

Ms. Lash took photographs of Mr. Sarkis.

#### **6. Adjourn.**

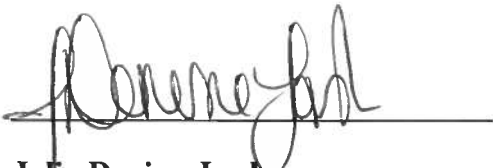
Chair Cantu made a motion to adjourn. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Van Haaften, and carried unanimously. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Approved this 4 day of 30, 2014.



**Evelyn Cantu**  
Chair- Brownsville Citizens Advisory Committee

**Attest:**



**Julia Denisse Lash**  
Social Services Coordinator

Respectfully submitted by:  
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