



**CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (PUBLIC SAFETY)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 7, 2023

6:00 PM

**Sanger Council Chamber
1700 7th Street, Sanger, CA 93657**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Citizens Oversight Committee called their meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Monique Reyna led the pledge of allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Members: Chairperson Monique Reyna, Secretary Karen James, Committee Member Al Alfaro

Absent: Vice Chair Gina Mendoza, Committee Member Tony Herron

D. AGENDA APPROVAL

The Committee by motion of Secretary James approved the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Alfaro and approved by the following vote:

AYES: REYNA, JAMES, ALFARO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: MENDOZA, HERRON

Vice Chair Mendoza arrived at approximately 6:03 PM.

E. PUBLIC FORUM

Bobbi Ann Phillips, a Scout representative, said she hopes that any excess funds could be applied to increase grant allocations from \$100k to \$200k to provide more access to all instead of just a few.

F. PRESENTATIONS

1. Fiscal Year 2022/23 Measure S Grantee Quarterly Reports.

The Fiscal Year 2022/23 Measure S Grant Recipients provided their quarterly reports to the Committee:

- a. Boys & Girls Club

- b. SAM Academy
- c. Sanger Young Life

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Committee by motion of Secretary James approved the following item on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Regular Meetings held on January 3, 2023 and February 7, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Mendoza and approved by the following vote:

AYES: REYNA, MENDOZA, JAMES, ALFARO
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: HERRON

H. DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. SUBJECT: Measure S Gang/Drug Prevention/Intervention Services Grant Program Awards.

Administrative Services Director Patrick Chaffee presented.

The applicants for the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Measure S grants presented their proposal:

- a. Set Free Church
- b. Sanger Young Life
- c. SAM Academy
- d. Boys & Girls Club

Public comment:

Matthew Champion said he was a heroine addict for 16 years. He said Set Free picked him up from Arizona and brought him back to start recovery with family around. He said he is two years sober and has a job. He said Set Free does amazing things in helping gang members rehabilitate.

Jeff Saldate, Director at Set Free Sanger, said their program is growing in leaps each year. He said allocating more money to their program would be great.

Unidentified audience member stated his daughter went through the program at Set Free. He said it is more than a rehab center; it is a home and a place where they make you feel like family. He said, with help from Set Free, his daughter has turned her life around and is 100% sober.

Jacklyn Contreras said she was born and raised in Sanger. She said she was abused for most of her life. She said Set Free reached out to her in September 2022 and has helped her in many ways.

Julio Salazar said he was addicted to drugs for 25 years of his life and Set Free helped him get free from drugs.

James Patrick Garcia said he apologizes to the City, Sanger Police Department and citizens for the trouble he had caused throughout the years. He said now, thanks to Set Free, his life is changed and he is no longer a gang member and drug addict.

Franky Saldate said he was once a gang member and Set Free has helped restore what gangs and drugs took from him.

Moses, a long time Sanger resident, said he found a young man sitting around outside of a restaurant. He looked for help for the young man and Set Free provided the help. He said Set Free should be funded a little more.

Robert said he is a product of Set Free Church. He grew up in Sanger and gave his life to street gangs. He abused drugs and caused trouble in town. He said Jacob, pastor of Set Free, helped him change his life.

Anthony said he appreciates and is grateful to Set Free for helping him get sober after being an alcoholic since he was 12 years old. He said Set Free is a great program.

The Committee reviewed the recommendations and findings of the Application Review Committee and by motion of Vice Chair Mendoza approved a recommendation to the City Council for grant award as follows:

Set Free Church	\$30,000
Sanger Young Life	\$40,000
SAM Academy	\$10,000
Boys & Girls Club	\$20,000

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

AYES: REYNA, MENDOZA, JAMES, ALFARO
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: HERRON

I. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

J. MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Reyna requested and received a consensus from the Committee to consider an amendment to the grant process by changing quarterly allocations and reports to biannual allocations and reports.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the Committee adjourned their meeting at 7:57 PM.

ATTEST:



Rebeca Padron, City Clerk