



**FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Radoumis called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

*Members Present:* Bonnie Fox, Dolores Duran, Peggy Radoumis, Laurie Rios, Adrienne Karnofel, Elena Lopez, Gaby Garcia, Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre

*Members Absent:* Kerry Ann Cobos, Christina Colón, Francis Carbajal

*Staff:* Ed Ramirez, Family and Human Services Manager, Executive Secretary  
Jose Carrillo, Community Services Supervisor

*Agency Representative:* None.

*Guest:* None.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Adrienne Karnofel

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Janie Aguirre and seconded by Adrienne Karnofel to approve the Minutes for the February 21, 2024 meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. PRESENTATIONS

None.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez provided a brief report on the following:

*a. New Department of Parks and Recreation*

An update was provided to members regarding the newly established Department of Parks and Recreation. Parks and Recreation (PRS) will now operate independently, no longer under the Department of Community Services. Leading the Department of Parks and Recreation is Gus Hernandez, the former PRS Manager, who now serves as the Director. Their responsibilities encompass managing a plethora of events and all City parks, with the exception of Heritage Park.

*b. Family Fund and Services Quarterly Report*

The Family Fund and Services Quarterly report will be revisited after a period of absence in the Advisory Committee meetings. These quarterly reports will furnish information on the type of services offered and the amount of money utilized within the account.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Nominations and Election of Heritage Arts Advisory Committee Representative  
Nominations and elections of the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee (HAAC) Representative were reopened. Member Lopez was previously nominated during the last Advisory Committee meeting, but she is currently ineligible for reelection. Members proposed postponing the nomination and election process until member Lopez becomes eligible for reelection.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. *VITA Program Update*  
Members were given an update on the VITA program, there is currently over 70 tax packets completed. Members were encouraged to share information about the free income tax preparation service and to schedule an appointment.
- b. *2024 Summer Concerts at Heritage Park Line Up*  
The entertainment lineup for the 2024 Summer Concerts at Heritage Park is currently in the process of having bands booked. The new Department of Parks and Recreation will be taking over the movie component of the Summer Series.
- c. *FHSAC Quarterly Report Presentation*  
The FHSAC quarterly report presentation will be taking place on the May 21<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting. Staff will be assisting in the preparation of this report.

## 10. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Carrillo provided a brief presentation of the following events:

- a. The Children's Boutique will be taking place on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00 p.m.
- b. The next Family Excursions will be to the Richard Nixon Presidential Library on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> with the cost of \$22 - \$30.
- c. The Easter Eggstravaganza will take place on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- d. The Library's First Friday event will be taking place on April 5<sup>th</sup>
- e. The Library's Planetarium Experience will be taking place on April 17<sup>th</sup> with the following available show times: 4:30, 5:30, and 6:30 p.m.
- f. City facilities will be closed on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of the Cesar Chavez holiday
- g. The Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be taking place on April 10<sup>th</sup>
- h. Chalk it Out will be taking place on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

## 11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Ramirez will be providing a presentation of the 2024 Art Fest event.
- Members suggested a speaker on resources and City policies when it comes to family dogs.
- Members suggested having a class to learn Spanish as a second language.

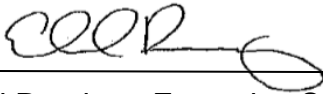
12. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Members shared there is a current need for spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, canned goods, canned pasta, canned fruits, canned meats, powdered milk, and cereal for Gus' Kitchen & Pantry.
- Members suggested having a farmers market and/or health fair.
- Members were provided an update regarding the attendance policy in the by-laws; it is currently being reviewed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 5:45 p.m. in person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Rm #1.



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Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary



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Jasmine Oregel, Administrative Assistant II