



FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Meeting Room #1

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Radoumis called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bonnie Fox, Laurie Rios, Dolores Duran, Peggy Radoumis, Kerry Ann Cobos, Francis Carbajal, Adrienne Karnofel

Members Absent: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Elena Lopez, Christina Colón, Gaby Garcia, Miriam Herrera

Council Liaison: Jay Sarno, Mayor Pro Tem

Staff: Ed Ramirez, Family and Human Services Manager, Executive Secretary
Jose Carrillo, Community Services Supervisor
Jasmine Oregel, Administrative Assistant II

Agency Representative: None.

Guest: René Bobadilla, City Manager

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Kerry Ann Cobos

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kerry Ann Cobos and seconded by Dolores Duran to approve the Minutes for the September 20, 2023 meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – Jay Sarno, Mayor Pro Tem

- Mayor Pro Tem Sarno asked the members how important it is to them to have a council liaison present at the meetings. Member Carbajal expressed having a council liaison present is important because not all members are able to attend the council meetings.

Member Radoumis also expressed her preference for having a council liaison present at the committee meetings. She feels having the presence of a Council Liaison allows committee members to ask questions and receive information directly from the City Council. Mr. Sarno stated that not all council members being available for the committee meetings and proposed the idea of combining some of the committees into one, which may streamline the process and make it easier for council members to participate. Mr. Sarno recommended that committee members attend a council meeting to voice their concerns with the entire City Council. He also suggested having a representative from each committee attend council meetings to convey information and concerns on behalf of their respective committees.

- Mayor Pro Tem Sarno, Councilmember Rounds, and City Manager René Bobadilla met with the property owner of the Promenade in regards to the Octapharma Plasma concerns. The Public Safety Officers will be driving through the Promenade a few times a day due to the amount of issues and concerns in regards to the Octapharma Plasma location.
- The lease of the 99 cent store in the Promenade is coming to an end. The plan is to possibly have a grocery market put in if the 99 cent store lease is not renewed.

7. PRESENTATIONS

Meet and Greet with City Manager René Bobadilla

- Mr. Bobadilla shared he is enjoying his time in the City and has spent 15 years being a City Manager in a few cities.
- He grew up in the City of El Monte and his wife grew up in the City of Santa Fe Springs; his in-laws continue to live in the City.
- Member Carbajal asked about the AJUA Jalisco Fiestas de Octubre event that will take place on November 4th and 5th. The organization AJUA Jalisco faced challenges in finding a suitable location to host the event this year. The organization, AJUA Jalisco, was unable to collaborate with a nearby city and, as a result, sought space within the City of Santa Fe Springs to hold the event. Mr. Bobadilla, working alongside City staff, explored the possibility of accommodating the event. The organization has invested a significant amount of money, over half a million dollars, in the event. The event is seen as beneficial for the community, as it is open to the public and offers cultural elements. Additionally, it provides an opportunity to foster new relationships that can benefit the current community events.
- The Vehicle Usage Policy will be updated in the near future for City Council and employees.
- The Aquatic Center pool is tentatively scheduled to open by summer 2024.
- The City is working with an external recruiting firm for the new position of the Assistant City Manager. There were 70 applications received and the top 5 will be selected by the recruiting firm to be interviewed on October 26th by an outside panel.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez provided a brief recap and/or presentation of the following and encouraged the members to read through the report in the October packet for more detailed information.

- a. Dia de los Muertos – Saturday, October 21, 2023 at Heritage Park
- b. Lantern Tour – Friday, October 20, 2023 at Heritage Park
- c. Halloween Carnival – Saturday, October 28, 2023 at Los Nietos Park
- d. Fiestas Octubre – Saturday, November 4, 2023 – Sunday, November 5, 2023

9. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Ramirez provided a brief presentation of the following events and encouraged the members to read through the report in the October packet for more detailed information.

- a. Holiday Basket Volunteer Orientation

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2023 Summer Concerts and Movie Survey Results

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Call for VITA Volunteers
- b. 2024 Homeless Count

12. FUTURE AGENDA UPDATES

Member Cobos inquired on the mammogram screenings and when they will take place again. Mr. Carrillo is waiting for a response from the representative to hold a screening in January of 2024.

Executive Secretary Ramirez will inquire on having a presenter from the Department of Police Services. Mr. Ramirez also reminded the members they will go dark in the month of December.

Member Carbajal suggested having a potluck during the meeting in the month of November.

13. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Carbajal shared her birthday is on October 22nd.

Member Cobos likes the idea of having a potluck at the November meeting. She also suggested members bring food to donate for Gus' Kitchen Food Pantry. Member Fox shared cereal and cookies are needed for Gus' Kitchen Food Pantry.

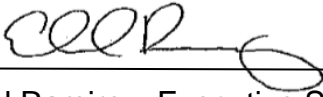
Chairperson Radoumis inquired if there are any exclusions from the toys that can be donated for the Neighborly Elf Basket Program. Mr. Ramirez shared play-doh, make-up, or anything scented is not accepted. Ms. Radoumis shared the Women's Club will be hosting the boutique on Friday, November 3rd at Town Center Hall from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be pozole, sandwiches, and drinks available to purchase. White elephant games and vendors will also be available during the boutique.

In the absence of member Colón, Mr. Ramirez shared the following comment on her behalf: "I wanted to extend my gratitude to the city for hosting the Adaptive Halloween Dance. It was incredible! Our students had a great time and it was the first time in a long time that we were able to take them on a field trip. Personally, as an alumni, parent, and employee of Santa Fe High (the only public high school in our city) I am truly grateful for the collaboration efforts that the city is making in the school community."

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 5:45 p.m. in person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Rm #1.



Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary



Jasmine Oregel, Administrative Assistant II