



HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Room #1  
Meeting of Tuesday, October 31, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Gabriel Jiménez, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

*Members Present:*

Debbie Baker, Francis Carbajal, Gabriel Jiménez, Hilda Zamora, John Mora, Peggy Radoumis, Sally Gaitan

*Absent:*

Gloria Maghame

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Sally Gaitan

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Debbie Baker and seconded by Peggy Radoumis to approve the Minutes for the September 26, 2023 meeting.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember William K. Rounds provided a brief overview of the following:

- Red Ribbon Week took place from October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> at the schools.
- The Lantern Tour at Heritage Park was an outstanding event. Mr. Rounds encourages members to attend the event next year if they have not attended before.
- The Heritage Park Audio Tours are available for the public to use. Individuals will need to scan a QR code to listen to the history of the specific exhibit.

7. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

NONE

8. PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

NONE

9. PRESENTATION

*Stay Gallery, Gabriel Enamorado, Co-Founder & Executive Director and Juliana Canty, Programs Director & Curator, presented on the following:*

**Stay Gallery in the City of Downey**

In 2012, the Stay Gallery was established in the heart of downtown Downey. It is a community art gallery and creative space that has curated and organized more than 180 art exhibitions and has provided an outlet for local artists and students to display their creative talents. Mr. Enamorado and Ms. Canty provided an in-depth understanding of the various programs, exhibitions, special events, and resources the Stay Gallery offers within their community and surrounding Southeast communities of Los Angeles. The Stay Gallery is open Thursdays and Fridays from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Enamorado grew up in the City of Downey and his lifelong dedication to art led him on the journey of opening the Stay Gallery. Before opening the Stay Gallery, Mr. Enamorado and his friend would put together exhibitions until eventually the City of Downey reached out to them after enjoying the exhibitions they would put together. The recognition from the City of Downey led to collaborations on exhibitions and the offer of a building for the Stay Gallery as part of the downtown master plan. They began fundraising and sharing their story to the community to help build the space. Stay has served as a central gathering place and a resource for the community to engage in artistic, cultural, and creative experiences. It was a community effort to build the space.

The exhibitions are the bread and butter of the Stay Gallery. Artists can submit their submissions online and annual calls for submissions are also made. When reviewing the submissions, they look for the story in the art piece submitted which is then showcased alongside the artwork in the gallery. A variety of classes and programs are offered through the Stay Gallery, with the most popular one being the Family Painting class. The Family Painting class is a low cost class for families that is offered once a month, led by an artist, and all materials are provided. Stay partners with local producers, groups, and organizations to create new and engaging events for local communities. The Stay Gallery also collaborates with local schools to educate and allow students to creatively express themselves. Field trips are also available for schools to schedule for the students.

The Stay Gallery is a 501(c) organization and they can assist the City of Santa Fe Springs with applying for grants, the art educational grant program, and assisting with bringing in artists to the schools. The Stay Arts can provide some of the courses for the students. Several Santa Fe Springs residents also have their artwork displayed in the Stay Gallery.

The name “Stay” reflects a desire to encourage individuals to stay and be proud of their hometown. Stay Gallery is a thriving hub for artistic and cultural expression, actively engaging with local communities and fostering creativity. Overall, the Stay Gallery is a dynamic and inclusive space that goes beyond being just an art gallery by actively contributing to the cultural and educational enrichment of the community.

## 10. ART FEST SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – ED RAMIREZ

### a) **2024 SFS Art Fest Entertainment Update/New Layout Overview**

Mr. Ramirez met with art consultant, Sandra Hahn, to determine the best approach to incorporate all of the components of the Art Fest at Heritage Park. Mr. Ramirez shared a new layout with the members of where all components will take place at the new venue for the event.

Mr. Ramirez met with the Art Fest Subcommittee earlier in the month of October to discuss musical entertainment. The following bands or groups were contacted for cost:

- Orquesta Canela is an all-female group from Colombia that will be charging \$20,000.
- A Johnny Cash cover band, Cash'd Out, from Las Vegas, Nevada is estimated for \$3,000 to \$5,000.
- A Van Halen tribute band, Fan Halen, is estimated for \$6,000.
- Led Zepagain is another tribute band that was contacted but have yet to hear back from on cost.
- Bruno and the Hooligans is a Bruno Mars tribute band that was also contacted but have yet to hear back from on cost.

An open mic component was suggested for the 2024 Art Fest. A motion was made by Hilda Zamora and seconded by Francis Carbajal to approve the booking of Cash'd Out and having an Open Mic component added to the 2024 Art Fest. The motion was carried unanimously.

## 11. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

*Executive Secretary, Ed Ramirez reported on the following:*

### a) **Introduction of Kaili Torres, Management Analyst II, Department of Community Services**

Ms. Torres grew up in the City of Downey and has worked in municipal government since she was 15 years old. She will be located at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center in her new role as a Management Analyst II. Ms. Torres will assist with the Art Education Grants and other tasks under the Heritage Arts in Public Places program.

### b) **Approval of Heritage Arts Fund (240 & 245) Financial Report – September 2023**

- September 2023 – Mr. Ramirez provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 financial report for the period of September 2023. Copies were distributed to members for their review. Balance: \$2,678,747.00.

A motion was made by Debbie Baker and seconded by Francis Carbajal to approve the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 financial report for the period ending in September 2023. The motion was carried unanimously.

## 12. OLD BUSINESS

### a) **City Council Approval of Revised Heritage Artwork in Public Places Program – Art Education Grant Guidelines**

An update was provided to the members in regards to the revised Art Education Grant Guidelines for the fiscal year 2024-2025. City Council approved the recommended revisions with one modification in permitting Section 16e for equipment (i.e. printers, 3D printers, ink, and other supplies for printer) as an allowable expense. Staff will submit the HAAC's recommended increase of the art education grant funding from \$50,000 to \$60,000 during the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget process.

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

### a) **Conservation Art Piece Condition Assessment Prioritization**

The HAAC reviewed the condition assessment report provided by the Silverlake Conservation on the art pieces in the City. Mr. Ramirez will provide photos and add a column to the list stating which art pieces are City owned or privately owned to better identify the next art pieces that will need restoration.

#### 14. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS REPORT

Maricela Balderas, Director of Community Services, reported on the following items. Members are encouraged to read through the report in the October packet for more detailed information.

- AJUA Jalisco is hosting the Fiestas de Octubre event which will take place on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sculpture Garden Plaza.
- Letters to Santa will begin on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Library.
- Santa Home Visits will take place on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> for families whose name is drawn from the lottery.
- The Thankful Neighbor Basket Program will take place for registered families on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

#### 15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Renderings for Snake Basket Fountain
- Introduction of Public Works Director, James Enriquez
- Update on Santa Fe Springs Oranges Mural

#### 16. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Member Baker wished everyone a Happy Halloween.
- Member Radoumis shared she has been spending her time baking pumpkin and zucchini bread for the boutique that will be hosted by the Women's Club. There will be various crafts and vendors available the day of the boutique.
- Mr. Rounds wished everyone a Happy Halloween. He also suggested the Women's Club host the boutique on a different day of the week to have more attendees.
- Ms. Gaitan shared she is happy to be back on the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee.
- Ms. Zamora shared she is preparing the pozole she will make for the boutique on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Vice-Chairperson Carbajal reminded the members of the boutique on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

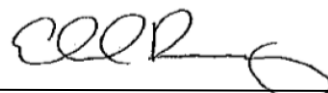
#### 17. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Gabriel Jiménez adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

*Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center.*



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