



**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
9:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Janie Aguirre called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Dolores Duran, Bonnie Fox, Hilda Zamora, Astrid Shesterkin, Johnny Hernandez, Dolores Romero, Paul Nakamura, Yoko Nakamura, Josefina Lara

Members Absent: None.

Council Liaison: Jay Sarno, Mayor Pro Tem

Staff: Ed Ramirez, Family and Human Services Manager
Jasmine Oregel, Administrative Assistant II

Guests: René Bobadilla, City Manager

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Johnny Hernandez

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Hilda Zamora and seconded by Gilbert Aguirre to approve the Minutes for the September 12, 2023 meeting.

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

- 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 decides not to renew the lease.
- A conversation took place on the possibility of moving the Police Services Center to the current location of the United States Post Office. This will allow the Promenade owner to use the current space of the Police Services Center for a restaurant or other business the community can benefit from.
- A Public Safety Officer 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.
- Mayor Pro Tem Sarno shared with the members to be aware of individuals knocking on their door claiming to be City employees wanting to test their water. They are

individuals trying to steal from the residents and no solicitation is allowed in the City. Members are encouraged to contact the Police Services Center if they come across a similar situation.

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.
- During his time as a City Manager in the City of El Monte, he witnessed the Santa Float in the City of Santa Fe Springs for the first time and it steered them into creating a similar event in the City of El Monte that continues to this day.
- Mr. Bobadilla is looking forward to sharing ideas from past Cities he has worked in to possibly implement or improve current events and programs in the City of Santa Fe Springs.
- He is looking to improve technology, infrastructure, organizational structure within employees, revenue opportunities, and communication with the public.
- Former Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Travis Hickey, is now working in the City of Menifee. Lana Dich was promoted and is now the Director of Finance and Administrative Services.
- When the City decides to remodel the Council Chamber at City Hall, the dais will need to be altered to be in ADA compliance.
- Remodeling at City Hall will be taking place, there will be new carpet and furniture put in.
- The United States Post Office lease is coming to an end, a decision will soon need to be made about a possible lease renewal.
- There have been various issues and concerns brought to the attention of City Council and the City Manager regarding the Octapharma Plasma location in the Promenade. Mr. Bobadilla and Council met with the property owner of the Promenade to share the concerns and the owner is willing to work with the City to address the concerns.
- A potential hotel will be put in on the corner of Norwalk Boulevard and Telegraph Road.
- The state of Jalisco in Mexico is celebrating 200 years of being a state and will be hosting the Fiestas Octubre en Noviembre event. It is a two-day concert, free to the public, and cultural bands will be performing.
- Mr. Bobadilla hopes to improve the City of Santa Fe Springs for the betterment of the community during his time as a City Manager.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez reported on the following to the committee:

- a. Dia De Los Muertos – Saturday, October 21st at Hertiage Park from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- b. Lantern Tour – Friday, October 20th at Heritage Park from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- c. Halloween Carnival – Friday, October 28th at Los Nietos Park beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- d. Fiestas Octubre en Noviembre – Saturday, November 4th through Sunday, November 5th along Telegraph Road and Norwalk Boulevard

9. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

a. Family and Human Services Division Program and Project Updates

Mr. Ramirez provided a brief overview of the older adult programming that is currently in session and the upcoming special events. Members are encouraged to read through the report in the October packet for more detailed information.

- a. Bingo
- b. Games and Fun
- c. Create-it Now
- d. Monthly Birthday Cake Celebration
- e. Café Con José
- f. Movin' N' Groovin' Chair Exercise
- g. Latin Dance Cardio
- h. City Strollers
- i. Pickleball
- j. Outdoor Fitness Court
- k. Machine Sewing
- l. Mindful Meditation
- m. Holiday Balloon Decorations
- n. Wood Craft Class
- o. Yoga
- p. Fright Fest Dance
- q. Thanksgiving Feast Dance
- r. Garden Fun Under the Sun

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2023 Holiday Basket Volunteer Orientation

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Member Hernandez inquired about having a turkey giveaway with the Car Club he is part of.
- b. Mr. Ramirez shared a speaker from the Library will present on the new Passport Services.

13. MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Member Zamora 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 vendors available and any money raised are for donations and scholarships provided by the Women's Club. The Little Lake City School District is fixing and remodeling the schools within the district. Ms. Zamora shared the older adults enjoyed the Fiesta Dance that was held on Friday, September 15th at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center.

14. ADJOURNMENT – CHAIRPERSON JANIE AGUIRRE

Chairperson Janie Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

The Next Meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will be held in-person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on November 14, 2023.



Jose Carrillo, Executive Secretary



Jasmine Oregel, Administrative Assistant II