



**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023  
9:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Vice-Chairperson Bonnie Fox 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, Dolores Romero, Josefina Lara

*Members Absent:* Johnny Hernandez, Paul Nakamura, Yoko Nakamura

*Council Liaison:* Jay Sarno, Mayor Pro Tem

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

*Guests:* Gladys Magana, Library & Cultural Services, Administrative Assistant II

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Dolores Duran

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS  
None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dolores Duran and seconded by Astrid Shesterkin to approve the Minutes for the October 10, 2023 meeting.

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

- Mayor Pro Tem Sarno reminded the members of the holiday events that will soon begin taking place.
- Sonic is scheduled to break ground in March or April of 2024.
- The new Chick-fil-A on Telegraph Road will be having their grand opening on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.
- The Fiestas de Octubre event was successful; there was over 15,000 people in attendance throughout the weekend event.

- The 99 cent store in the Promenade will possibly remain open for the next 3 – 5 years as their lease might be short term.

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

### *Passport Services with the Santa Fe Springs Library*

Gladys Magana, Administrative Assitant II with the Library & Cultural Services Division, provided a brief presentation of the Passport Services offered.

- Passport Services are offered by appointment only, Tuesday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and you can schedule an appointment on the City website or by scanning the QR code on the flyer.
- Photography and photocopy services are available onsite.
- Passport renewal forms are available.
- Processing for first time adult applicants, 16 years old and older.
- Processing for minor applicants, 0 – 15 years old.
- DS-11 (first time applicants) and DS-82 (renewals) applications are available at the Library or Post Office for pick-up.
- There is a \$35 acceptance fee that is paid to the Library for the service and they accept cash, credit/debit cards, or checks.
- For the fees of the passport book or card, a check or money order are the only forms of payment accepted by the State Department.
- Processing times have shorten; for routine service, it takes 7 – 10 weeks and for expedited service, it takes 3 – 5 weeks.
- Documentation needed to apply for a passport can be found on the City Library website.

## 8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Carrillo reported on the following to the committee:

- Update on Additional Educational and Fitness Classes
- Annual Tree Lighting Event – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Town Center Plaza beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Las Posadas – Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Park from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- Home Decorating Contest
- Letters to Santa beginning Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>
- Neighborly Elf Basket Program – the donation and registration deadline is Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

## 9. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

### *Family and Human Services Division Program and Project Updates*

Executive Secretary Carrillo 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 November packet for more detailed information.

- Bingo
- Games and Fun
- Create-it Now
- Monthly Birthday Cake Celebration
- Café Con José
- Movin' N' Groovin' Chair Exercise
- City Strollers

- h. Pickleball
- i. Outdoor Fitness Court
- j. Jingle Bell Ball Dance
- k. Garden Fun Under the Sun

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. *Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center Temporary Reconfiguration*

Due to the Holiday Basket Programs, Bingo has been moved to the Pio Pico Room and Chair Aerobics will be taking place at the Activity Center for the months of November and December.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

13. MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vice-Chairperson Fox is appreciative of the volunteers for the holiday basket programs. She thanked the members that volunteered their time to assist.
- Member Zamora wished the members a Happy Thanksgiving. She shared the board members of the Little Lake City School District will be traveling to San Francisco in the coming weeks.
- Member Shesterkin shared her granddaughter will be performing at the Tree Lighting event.
- Member Duran wished the members a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Mr. Ramirez reminded the members the advisory committee will be going dark in the month of December and wished them all Happy Holidays.

14. ADJOURNMENT – VICE-CHAIRPERSON BONNIE FOX

Vice-Chairperson Bonnie Fox adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

**The Next Meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will be held in-person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on January 9, 2024.**



Jose Carrillo, Executive Secretary



Jasmine Oregel, Administrative Assistant II