

CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER
MINUTES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. INVOCATION

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lydia Gonzalez, Margaret Bustos, Ted Radoumis, Manny Zevallos, Gilbert Aguirre, Brandy Ordway-Roach, Gloria Duran, Janie Aguirre, Annette Rodriguez, Angelica Miranda, and Dolores Romero

Members Absent: Mercedes Diaz, Alicia Mora, Arcelia Miranda, Josephine Santa-Anna

Council Liaison: Councilmember Laurie Rios

Staff: Eddie Ramirez, Executive Secretary
Judi Manalisay, Children's Services Administrator
Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza, Case Worker
Manuel Cantu, Program Coordinator
Genevie Gallegos, Recreation Leader

Guest: Ed Duran

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 20, 2013 meeting were approved and accepted as submitted.

V. COUNCIL LIAISON/COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

Councilmember Laurie Rios reported on the following:

- Councilmember Rios announced the reopening of Fire Station 2. The Fire Association had their grand re-opening on May 6, 2013.
- May 13 - 17, 2013 will be dedicated to Week of the Young Child. She encourages everyone to stop by City Hall to view their art work on display and asked for support at their book fair this week
- The Aloha Fest is taking place May 18 and 19, 2013 at Heritage Park. She encourages everyone to attend.
- SFS Art Fest showcase night will be held on May 30, 2013 at the Clarke Estate. Over 130 applicants submitted their art pieces. The art work will also be on display at the Library June 3 through 28, 2013.
- The Santa Fe Springs Fire Rescue will be offering free 15 minute CPR training sessions on June 4, 2013. Training stations will be set-up at Town Center Plaza and Wal-Mart at Gateway Plaza, on Telegraph Road and Carmenita Road.
- Wal-Mart at Gateway Plaza, is proposing a shopping cart lock system.
- The Santa Fe Springs Farmers Market will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2013, and will continue on a weekly basis throughout the summer. The location has been

relocated from Aquatic Center parking lot to Town Center Plaza due to on-going swim lessons.

- The Police Department has noted a 5% decline in crimes.
- The Santa Fe Springs Historical Advisory Committee was recently awarded a \$500 grant along with a scanner by the Los Angeles Corral of Westerners to restore historical photos.
- A 99 Cent Store at SFS Promenade is due to have their grand opening mid-July. Yoshinoya, the pizza restaurant, donut shop and tobacco store will remain as business residents.
- The Library will be hosting “Bringing Literature to Life” on Friday, May 17, 2013. Santa Fe High School students from Dance Club, Charleston Club and Drama Club will be performing. This event is to celebrate the book “The Great Gatsby”.

VI. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Eddie Ramirez reported on the following:

Parent Project – Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza – Eddie Ramirez introduced Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza as one of the City’s social workers. Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza provided information related to the Parent Project. The Parent Project will begin Tuesday, July 2, 2013 and will continue for a period of 10 weeks. This workshop focuses on parenting skills for those with adolescent teens and will be conducted in Spanish only. Santa Fe High School website will be using the information as a resource guide for those parents who are interested.

Family and Human Services Advisory Committee Member Re-appointment Renewal Applications – Eddie Ramirez distributed renewal applications to each member.

Family and Human Services Staff Changes – Eddie Ramirez announced the departure of Beannette De La Cruz, Andrew Gonzales, Rose Thomas, and Marsha Chavez. Eddie Ramirez also announced that Teresa Clift, Administrative Clerk II would be temporarily reassigned to assist the Community Services Director as well as the Division. He also shared that the City is currently running a recruitment for Recreation Leader I and will hire four new recreation leaders in the future to backfill behind the staff who have resigned.

City Budget Update – Family and Human Services staff met with City Manager Thaddeus McCormack on Monday, May 13, 2013 with a proposal of including a new initiative related to Health and Wellness.

VII. CONTINUING BUSINESS

Eddie Ramirez reported on the following:

Farmers Market Update – The Farmer’s Market will take place on a weekly basis beginning on Thursday, July 11, 2013 through the duration of summer from 12:00 noon through 5:00 p.m.

VITA Program Recap – A coordinator at the IRS is working on reporting an exact number of returns as well as a monetary figure. New locations have opened and are expected to change our figures.

“Promotores” Promoters of Mental Health – Collaboration with the Department of Mental Health continues and is working on increasing attendance. The Mental Health Stigma workshop will be held on June 11, followed by Domestic Violence on July 16 and Child Abuse/Childhood Disorders on August 13, 2013.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Family and Human Services Division

Eddie Ramirez reported/updated on the following:

- **Agency Collaborations** – Eddie Ramirez announced the collaboration with several agencies at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. Agencies include Whole Child, USC, LA CADA, LA County/Cal Fresh, and DCFS.
- **Senior/Child Garden** – Planters will be installed on May 16, 2013. This garden will provide an intergenerational experience for our seniors and children. Judi Manalisay provided an update on the project, noting that there have been generous family donations of tools, water cans, soil, plants and gift cards. Judi Manalisay also mentioned they will be offering fence panels for \$27 for families to purchase. Eight have been sold so far. She also announced the official name of the garden as, “Sprouts and Blooms”. Councilmember Lori Rios requested pictures to be sent to City Hall, once completed.
- **TEENS Program** – Manuel Cantu, Program Coordinator provided information on the program and upcoming events. TEENS provides volunteer and education opportunities for youth. Surrounding high schools which have been included are Santa Fe, St. Paul, Pioneer, and Cal High. Events in which TEEN volunteers have assisted with include: Children’s Day, Week of the Young Child, and the Pantry at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. Manuel also shared several workshops volunteers are welcome to attend: May 8, 2013 - Resume and Interview Workshop; May 22, 2013 - Open the Window to Your Future; and June 6, 2013 - Health and Wellness. Volunteers will also visit Town Center Hall Teen Lounge and the City Library where they will all receive library cards. TEENS program hopes to develop independent interactions, confidence and professional skills.
- **Fiestas Patrias** – Eddie Ramirez opened region suggestions for a theme for this year’s celebration. Proposed date is Friday, September 13, 2013 at Town Center Hall Plaza.
- **Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation** – May is Mental Health Awareness month. Chairman Janie Aguirre accepted a proclamation from the City Council.

Child Care and Development

Judi Manalisay reported/updated on the following:

- **Child Care Update** – Judi Manalisay announced enrollment is open for summer program and will take place at Lakeview Child Care Center. Upcoming programs include the celebration of Week of the Young Child beginning May 13 – 17 and ending the week with a family oriented event at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to bring a plant to jump

start the garden, "Spouts and Blooms". The children's art work is on display at City Hall during Week of the Young Child. A Mother's Day celebration will offer Muffins for Mom as well as the acceptance of a proclamation presented to a family by two children of Child Care at the City Council meeting Thursday, May 9, 2013.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eddie Ramirez announced the following:

- **Orange County Food Distribution** – May 15, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Approximately 1,000 food boxed were distributed, 80-85% of those given are SFS residents.
- **JUICE- SING** – May 29, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **Day to Honor the Military** – May 26, 2012 at Betty Wilson Center Track from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00p.m. Calvary Chapel is hosting a tribute to fallen soldiers.
- **SFS Art Fest Event** – May 30, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Clarke Estate.
- **Ice Cream Social and Karaoke** – June 24 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **Healthy Tip Handouts** – The handout was distributed to the members.

X. Future Agenda

Fiestas Patrias will be included in the June meeting agenda.

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Annette Rodriguez announced "Live Your Dream" scholarship has been awarded. Fifteen contestants participated.

Angelica Miranda encourages everyone to attend Week of the Young Child event on Friday, May 17 at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center.

Ted Radoumis shared the Sister City Committee will host a fire booth stand on Norwalk Boulevard, next to Food 4 Less. He encourages everyone to support this fundraising event, which helps send Sister City students to Germany.

Gilbert Aguirre encourages residents to attend Planning Commission meetings and share their concerns about traffic issues. He also shared concerns regarding bingo players gambling with money. Eddie Ramirez noted the concern and reported the Code of Conduct policy was implemented once again when the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center re-opened in January, 2013.

Gloria Duran encourages residents to attend Planning Commission meetings and share their concerns regarding traffic issues.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Janie Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.