



FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 18, 2013

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Ted Radoumis

II. **INVOCATION** – Gloria Duran

III. **ROLL CALL**

*Members Present:* Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Margaret Bustos, Gloria Duran, Arcelia Miranda, Angelica Miranda, Ted Radoumis, Annette Rodriguez, and Manuel Zevallos

*Members Absent:* Mercedes Diaz (Excused), Alicia Mora (Excused), Lydia Gonzales, Dolores Romero, and Josephine Santa-Anna

*Council Liaison:* Councilmember Laurie Rios (Excused)

*Staff:* Maricela Balderas, Director of the Department of Community Services  
Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary  
Sylvia Arias, Children’s Services Supervisor  
Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza, Case Worker  
Manuel Cantu, Program Coordinator

*Guest:* Ed Duran

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Gilbert Aguirre and seconded by Arcelia Miranda to approve the Minutes of May 15, 2013 with the following amendment:

Section III – ROLL CALL

*Let the record show that Brandy Ordway-Roach was marked as “Present” in error at the meeting of May 15, 2013.*

The motion was carried unanimously.

V. **COUNCIL LIAISON/COUNCILMEMBER REPORT**

None.

VI. **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT**

***City Budget Update*** - City Manager Thaddeus McCormack made a presentation to the Committee members on the status of City’s local economy and budget process. He also shared the recent Budget Survey information obtained from the public. End of this FY 2012/2013 can expect budget expenditures of over \$41 million, revenue of over \$41

million dollars, and a surplus of approximately \$127 million. Proposed FY 2013/2014, expenditures are over 40,964 million, revenue \$40,997 million, and a surplus of approximately \$33 million.

**Update on Committee Member Reappointments** - All members whose appointments were expiring on June 30, 2013 and responded to be reappointed has been submitted to the City Clerk for the City Council action. In addition, a Letter of Appreciation and naming Alicia Mora a *Member Ameritus* was sent to Ms. Mora on behalf of the Mayor and the Committee.

**Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center Mural Brochure** – A brochure depicting the history of the mural by artist Raul Esparza is currently being printed. Maricela shared a copy of the brochure with the members.

## VII. **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

Eddie Ramirez reported on the following:

**VITA Program Recap** – Manuel Cantu reported that this year’s program generated \$435,005 back into the community. The average income is approximately over \$20,000. The average refund amount per person totaled \$1,629. The total number of tax returns filed was 359 compared to prior year’s total of 296.

**“Promotores” of Mental Health Workshops** – Maricela reported that the next workshop focusing on “*Domestic Violence*” will be held on July 16, 2013 at Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center at 6:00 p.m.

### ***Fiestas Patrias – September 13, 2013/Showcase Chihuahua, Mexico***

Facts regarding the state of Chihuahua were distributed to the members. Ed has submitted a proposal to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee requesting funding to allow bringing back the Hispanic Student Academy. The Academy is an added feature of the Fiesta’s program consisting of working with the local schools and bringing in an artist to introduce the children with the music, dance, and culture of the state or region highlighted. Maricela also informed members that the Family & Human Services will be hosting a food booth. Any ideas or anyone seeking volunteer opportunities may contact Ed Ramirez.

**PIH/SFS Family Health Center Agreement Renewal** – Maricela explained that the contract with Presbyterian Hospital was expiring on June 30, 2013. The City Council at their meeting of June 13, 2013 approved to renew the contract for an additional two years through June 2015. She will be meeting with the Oversight Committee members, Mayor Pro-Tem Trujillo and Councilmember Laurie Rios, to discuss update on services and collaboration within the two agencies.

**Family and Human Services Division Collaborating with Outside Community Services Agencies at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center** – Staff is working with the Whole Child and the University of Southern California to offer counseling services by July.

**Farmers Market** – Opening day is July 11, 2013 at the Town Ceter Plaza from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The market will be open every Thursday and there are plans in expanding the market such as, bringing in food trucks and entertainment. The City is

working with a Certified Farmers Market Manager who has experience organizing the food markets at the cities of Fullerton and Brea.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Family and Human Services Division**

***Summer Through Play*** – With the collaboration of The Whole Child, this program is geared for families with children experiencing mental health issues. Various activities and resources will be available to families so that they may impart these resources at home. An information flyer was distributed to the members.

***TEENS Program/The TEENS Guide to Health & Wellness Workshop*** - Manuel Cantu made a presentation to the Committee members on the TEENS Program. The TEENS Program is designed for high school students who are in the process of graduation and are interested in developing skills for college or careers while serving their community. Recently, Manuel conducted an educational workshop on a *Guide to Health and Wellness*, which featured nutritional guidance, common health risk prevention, exercise tips, and living an active lifestyle. The workshop was well attended and the teens were very receptive to the program. Upcoming workshops include, *Controlling the Road to College* on Wednesday, September 18, 2013; *A Parent's Role For Success* on Wednesday, October 16, 2013; and *Performing Arts Night* on Wednesday, November 6, 2013. Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Child Care and Development**

Judi Manalisay reported/updated on the following:

***Child Care & Development Program Nutrition Garden*** – A grant from the Western Growers Foundation of \$1,000 was awarded to the Child Care Center. This grant enables to teach children how food is grown and the importance of good nutrition.

***“Little Learners” Program*** – Through the collaborative efforts between the Family and Human Services Division and Library Services Division, this program is made possible through a grant of \$14,000, which was awarded towards the education of preschool children in the areas of science and social programs, with the incorporation of a literacy component. The program will be held at the Library in August 2013 and continue through summer of 2014.

IX. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Eddie Ramirez announced the following:

- Orange County Food Distribution July 17, 2013. This month's was held today.
- Karaoke Ice Cream Social – June 24, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Healthy Tip Handouts – An informational flyer was distributed to the members.
- FHSAC Meeting Dark in July, August and September

X. **Future Agenda**

None.

**XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The Women's Club will be featuring a Fashion Show at \$20 per person. They will also be hosting a trip to Barona on July 15. All funds raised will be donated for scholarships.

The Sister City Committee will host a fireworks stand on Norwalk Boulevard, next to Food 4 Less.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on October 16, 2013 at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Room No. 1 at 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairperson Janie Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Janie Aguirre, Chairperson