



**FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER  
Wednesday, April 17, 2019  
5:45 p.m.

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Janie Aguirre called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Hilda Zamora

3. ROLL CALL

*Members Present:* Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Bonnie Fox, Gaby Garcia, Miriam Herrera, Peggy Radoumis, Laurie Rios, Martha Villanueva, and Hilda Zamora

*Excused:* Tina Delgado

*Members Absent:* Margaret Bustos, Dolores Romero

*Council Liaison:* Annette Rodriguez, Councilmember

*Staff:* Ed Ramirez, Family and Human Services Manager (Excused)  
Executive Secretary  
Carlos Mendoza, Community Services Supervisor

*Agency Representative:* None.

*Guest:* Shannon Kelkowski – Hygieia Hospice and Pallative Care

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gilbert Aguirre and seconded by Laurie Rios to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Annette Rodriguez reported that the Volunteer Recognition Dinner, which was held on Friday April 12, 2019, was a very nice and well-attended event. Ms. Rodriguez also participated in the Volunteer Day of Service, which was held on Saturday April 13, 2019. Staff and Volunteers began picking up trash at Santa Fe Springs Park and concluded their day of service at Los Nietos Park.

The City Manager, City Council, and staff will be attending a retreat, which will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center to discuss the budget.

A SAFE Team Block Party will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Los Nietos Park, on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Lakeview Park, and on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Santa Fe Springs Park.

There have been several occurrences reported of illegal activity in Santa Fe Springs, such as an arson, a stabbing at Little Lake Park, a homeless individual loitering on a resident's porch, and a bait bike being stolen. In addition, a few children from Lake Center Jr. High School witnessed a woman stabbing herself in public. Staff notified parents of the occurrence and counseling has been offered for the students if needed.

In addition, the Santa Fe Springs basketball team had a ceremony, and was recognized at the Downey Country Club.

#### 7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Mendoza reported on the following:

- a) ***HYGIEIA HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE PRESENTATION "HOSPICE 101"*** – Mr. Mendoza introduced Dr. Shannon Gawkowski, a licensed vocational nurse who gave a presentation on the various service that hospice provides to individuals who have been diagnosed with a severe illness. Patients who have chosen to go to a boarding care facility will receive 24 hour a day services, seven days a week by skilled nurses, and a doctors order is required for this service. For Palliative Care a doctors order is not required, however both focus on the quality of life and keeping the patient as comfortable as possible. In addition, a support group team is available for patients and families who need assistance with filling out forms and bereavement.
- b) ***2019 OLDER AMERICAN RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENT*** – Mr. Mendoza reported that Paul Nakamura is the recipient of the 2019 Older American Recognition Award. Mr. Nakamura will be recognized at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and at the City Council meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

#### 8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

##### a) ***FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES SECTION – CARLOS MENDOZA***

1) ***Legal Services Program*** – Mr. Mendoza gave an update on the pro bono legal services that are offered at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. by Mr. Paul Velasco Law Group. Staff is still reaching out to find attorneys who may be interested in providing pro bono services to the community.

##### b) ***HERITAGE PARK AND CLARKE ESTATE PROGRAMS – CARLOS MENDOZA***

c) **Movie and Concert Series** – Mr. Mendoza reported that the dates and times for movies and performers have been finalized. The series at Heritage Park will kick off with “Ralph Breaks the Internet” on Friday June 7, 2019 starting at 8:15 p.m. The Friday Fashion Show and the Adelaide Band with a Tribute to Selena will be held on Friday, June 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

d) **ANNOUNCEMENTS – CARLOS MENDOZA**

- 1) Orange County Food Distribution – May 15, 2019 from
- 2) Healthy Tip Handout - Five Keys Strengthen Tips for Older Adults

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

Carlos Mendoza reported on the following:

- a. **VITA PROGRAM UPDATE** – Mr. Mendoza reported the Vita Program has ended for 2019. It went well and Mr. Mendoza will have a full report for the committee for the May 15, 2019 meeting.
- b. **CHILDREN’S BOUTIQUE – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** – Mr. Mendoza reported that the Children’s boutique will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, and volunteers are needed.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA** – The Easter Eggstravaganza will be taking place on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Los Nietos Park at 10:00 a.m.
- b. **2019 Art Fest** – The 2019 Art Fest will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019 at the Clarke Estate. This year there is also A collector’s night which will be held on Thursday May, 2019

11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Future Presentations.

12. **MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANIE AGUIRRE**

Committee Member Gilbert Aguire made a comment.

13. **ADJOURNMENT – JANIE AGUIRRE**

Chairperson Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.  
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2019.

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Prepared By: Virginia Magana,  
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Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary