



FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Janie Aguirre called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Miriam Herrera

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Tina Delgado, Bonnie Fox, Miriam Herrera, Peggy Radoumis, Laurie Rios, Dolores Romero, Dr. Linda Vallejo, Martha Villanueva, and Hilda Zamora

Excused: None.

Members Absent: Margaret Bustos, Gaby Garcia,

Council Liaison: Annette Rodriguez, Councilmember

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

Agency Representative: None.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Linda Vallejo and seconded by Peggy Radoumis to approve the Minutes of January 16, 2018. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Annette Rodriguez reported that she is very happy to represent the city as a councilmember and thanked the committee for the opportunity. Ms. Rodriguez has also recently received two certificates for attending a council training course workshop in Irvine

on the topics of "Ethics" and "How to Work with Residents and Business Residents" within the community.

Councilmember Rodriguez also expressed her gratitude to committee members who volunteered for the Holiday Basket Programs, and commented on how much she enjoyed participating in handing out gifts to the children and being a part of the Holiday Basket Volunteer/Donor Recognition Dinner.

In addition, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez invited Mayors and Councilmembers from various cities to attend a forum in Pico Rivera to discuss issues on infrastructures, streets, taxes, funding of different facilities, and homeless concerns. Ms. Rodriguez also inquired of any available funding sources to assist in repairs that are needed for the Allen House in Santa Fe Springs; Congresswoman Sanchez stated that Measure "H" could be utilized for this type of assistance and recommended the City contact Janice Hahn. Congresswoman Linda Sanchez will address all topics of discussion in Washington.

An update was given on the street repair as some of the streets in the city that have already been repaired with a new layered process. This process will last for approximately ten years and the streets with severe damage will be repaved. By layering the streets, the city will be saving thousands of dollars.

Councilmember Rodriguez informed the Committee that Breakfast with the Mayor will be held on Thursday, March 21, at 6:00 a.m., and tickets will soon be available for purchase.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez reported on the following:

- a) **SFS FAMILY FUN RUN WALK – April 6, 2019** – The SFS Fun Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. beginning and ending at the Town Center Plaza the route will remain the same as last years, but runners/walkers will be going in the opposite direction. This year's race will be a fun 80's theme, and participants can register online at www.sfsfunrun.org. Mr. Ramirez goal is to reach 1,500 participants.
- b) **2019 ART FEST – CALL TO ARTISTS** – The 2019, Art Fest is underway, we are currently recruiting artists, securing entertainment, and vendors. Last year a new component was added; the Film Festival, which consisted of a Q & A session that was very popular with participants. The director who hosted the event was picked up by Warner Brothers and will be back to attend this year's event. In addition, there will be a Paint & Sips Series, where participants will be painting on an item like pottery. A Trompe L'oeil live installation where a first, second and third place winner will be selected, a silent auction, and plenty of good food and entertainment. This year, all artist will take part of a juried submission of art which includes 1st 2nd & 3rd winners where participants can vote.

A new special Collector's Night will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., to give those who are interested an opportunity to view and purchase art in a

more intimate setting. Mr. Ramirez is hoping to attract business residents and artist to this event. In addition, Mr. Ramirez also met with local schools and recruited 15 participants, and has worked with agencies and other organizations who would like to display their artwork.

Bonnie Fox arrived 6:06 p.m.

- c) **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES.** – Mr. Ramirez is currently revising and updating the code of conduct guidelines, and will distribute copies to members when available.
- d) **OLDER AMERICAN RECOGNITION DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS** – Every year a resident who volunteers in the community is acknowledge by receiving the Older Adult Recognition Award. Nominations are currently being accepted, and are available at all City facilities. A brief bio of the Nominee is required and the name of individual nominating the volunteer must be completed. All names of nominees will be blocked out on the nomination form before the Mayor & Mayor Pro Tem, review and decide who this year's recipient will be.

In addition, Los Angeles County has changed how the forms are submit for the selected nominees, and may want a video recording of why this individual has chosen. The Staff at GVNC will take the responsibility of the recording for the nominee.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

a. **FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES SECTION – Ed Ramirez**

- 1) **KID CLOTHING DRIVE – APRIL 2-8, 2019** – A Kids clothing drive will be held on April 2, 2019, to April 8, 2019, requesting donations of gently used clothing and jackets for toddlers up to teen sizes. More information will be given before the event.
- 2) **CHILDREN'S BOUTIQUE** – Mr. Ramirez reported that Children's boutique will be held at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Families are welcome to come and select gently used clothing free of charge for toddlers and teens.

b. **HERITAGE PARK AND CLARKE ESTATE PROGRAMS – Ed Ramirez**

- 1) **2019 Movie and Concert Series** – A community choice survey will be posted tomorrow to give residents the opportunity to select a movie that will be played during the series. The survey is available on social media, and if you do not have social media, forms will be available at Heritage Park.

- 2) **CONSERVATORY PLAQUE / DONATIONS** – Mr. Ramirez attended a women's club meeting to discuss ideas and the possibility on how to ensue funds to afford the plaques that are located at Heritage Park. A header will be displayed on one plaque and all three will be located in the Conservatory.

In addition, staff is also addressing other items that need improvement, including safety items.

The Day of Service will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at Santa Fe Springs Park, instead of Heritage Park, as there are more significant areas of needs that must be addressed from the homeless issues taking place.

- 3) **DOCENT TOURS** – Joyce Ryan, Library Director is now overseeing the Carriage Barn and docent tours that will be conducted at Heritage Park for school-aged children. Mrs. Ryan is recruiting individuals who are interested in giving school tours, and sharing the history of Heritage Park. Docent Training will be provided.

4) **Announcements – Ed Ramirez**

- a. **The Orange County Food Distribution** – The next food distribution is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- b. **Healthy Tip Handout** - None.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **VITA PROGRAM** – Mr. Ramirez reported the Vita Program is now in the third week and 100 submittals were processed. This year we had trouble in recruiting volunteers in assisting with tax preparation. Over the years it has become a challenge as the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center use to be the only site offering the VITA Program, however six to seven locations are now available in the local area. In preparation for next year's tax season, we are looking to recruit interested individuals to join our team as a tax preparer. All volunteers will be given the resources and training needed to be certified by the Board of Equalization and IRS.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- b. **HOMELESS COUNT RECAP** – The homeless count was conducted by the Whole Child at the end of January. The results of the count generally takes approximately four to five months to obtain the information of the homeless count. This year the GVNC caseworkers along with Jovenes, Inc. and Whittier First Day assisted by counting the homeless youth groups between the ages of 18-24. After the count, they went out to assess the youth in hopes of informing them of the services that are available to them.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Additional presentations for the committee
- b. Living Trust Workshops
- c. In-home services / Hospice

12. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANIE AGUIRRE

Committee Member Peggy Radoumis made a comment on the women's club upcoming events.

Committee Member made Gilbert Aguirre made a comment on the absentees of committee members, and the Code of Conduct.

Committee member Janie Aguirre made a comment questioning the bylaws.

13. ADJOURNMENT – JANIE AGUIRRE

Chairperson Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019.



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Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary