



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

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Janie Aguirre called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Laurie Rios

3. ROLL CALL

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

*Excused:* Dolores Romero

*Members Absent:* Hilda Zamora

*Council Liaison:* Annette Rodriguez, Councilmember

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

*Agency Representative:* None.

*Guest:* None.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Laurie Rios and seconded by Peggy Radoumis to approve the Minutes of June 19, 2019, amended as follows.

**Item No. 12 MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS,**

*“Committee Member Peggy Radoumis made a comment on Relay for Life and the Women’s Club Fashion show.”*

The motion was carried unanimously.

## 6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Annette Rodriguez reported that City Council has approved the FY-19/20 budget on Thursday, June 26 2019. This year's budget includes a one-time non-recurring cost, for the installation of Christmas lights North of Telegraph along Pioneer Boulevard.

Ms. Rodriguez stated that the breakfast with the State Senator Bob Archuleta on Friday, July 12, 2019 at the Clarke Estate was a success. Business residents and participants from various surrounding cities attended the event. Mr. Archuleta's presentation included school improvements, clean air, and water, funding for veterans, and the homeless epidemic. In addition, Mr. Archuleta mentioned that he plans to meet with each City Mayor in his area allowing them an opportunity to discuss the number one priority they may have for their city.

Councilmember Rodriguez attended the Concerts in the Park on Friday, July 12, 2019, to enjoy the performance of the Upstream Band, and informed committee members that the next concert will be Mariachi Espectacular.

Ms. Rodriguez announced that the Santa Fe Springs Women's Club will be hosting a Luau style fashion show on Sunday, August 4, 2019.

Lastly, Councilmember Rodriguez, who is also the Alternate Liaison for the Safe Neighborhood Team, shared she attended last's weeks meeting which two detectives were present to address concerns and answer questions regarding stolen packages from the doorsteps of resident's homes, and the peddlers at the 99 cents store. In addition, residents brought up their concerns on the misuse of illegal fireworks and fines. The detective stated that a fine of \$1,500.00 cannot be issued to a homeowner or person unless an officer physically sees the lighting of the illegal firework. If residents do not feel safe, please call 911.

## 7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Mendoza reported on the following:

***Family Fund Financial Report*** – A copy of the Financial Report FY 2018/2019 for period ending December 18, 2018 with a balance of \$58,120.63 was distributed to members for their review and Mr. Ramirez gave an overview of the report.

A motion was made by Laurie Rios and seconded by Peggy Radoumis to approve the Quarterly Summary Report for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 for period ending June 30, 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.

## 8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

### a) ***FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES SECTION – ED RAMIREZ***

- 1) ***Gus' Kitchen Pantry Storage Improvements*** – Mr. Ramirez gave an updated report to the advisory on improvements that will be taking place to reconfigure the Tuff Shed for the Pantry's storage needs. Improvements include installations of storage shelves, racks

for clothing and sectional compartments. It is projected these improvements will be completed in August. Members will be kept apprised.

b) **HERITAGE PARK AND CLARKE ESTATE PROGRAMS – ED RAMIREZ**

1) ***Día De Los Muertos Event Preparations*** – Dia De Los Muertos will be held on October 19, 2019, at Heritage Park from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to help enhance the event this year's event will include a time change to allow for an authentic traditional feel in the evening, additional entertainment, food options, vendors, and the possibility of a beer garden. In addition, the community will have an opportunity to create and display altars for their loved ones. Members will be kept apprised. The event will continue to host the sugar skull workshop. Registration for the sugar skull workshop begins on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at Heritage Park. The cost is \$8.00 per skull for ages eight years and up.

2) ***Final Summer Fashion and Concert Night*** – This year's Summer Concerts series will conclude with Mariachi Espectacular band and the Abigail Foundation Fashion Friday event on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The final movie will take place on Friday August 2, 2019 featuring the Incredibles II.

3) **ANNOUNCEMENTS – ED RAMIREZ**

- 1) Orange County Food Distribution – Wednesday, July 17, 2019
- 2) Healthy Tip Handout -

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

a. ***2019 Back to School Backpack Program Update*** – Mr. Ramirez gave an update on the annual Back to School Backpack Program for the upcoming school year. The Family and Human Services Division have been receiving monetary and in-kind donations for the program from various sources including business residents. In addition, the Rotary Club has purchased the backpacks and has placed their logo to each one to recognize their contribution.

In addition, as of today, the Caseworkers have pre-registered seventy-six participants and are expecting to provide 200 backpacks with supplies. This program reaches out to low-income residents who may need assistance in securing school supplies and used clothing for their school-aged children. The Back to School Backpack Program event will be held at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on Friday, August 2, 2019 at the Gus 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Members who would like to volunteer can register with staff at the south end information desk.

b. ***Options for Learning Childcare Program Update*** – Mr. Ramirez gave an update on the Options for Learning Childcare Program. Options for Learning are the new recipients of the grant funding and will continue to provide daycare services in the community. Options for Learning staff is working with the City's Planning Department to discuss final and future plans.

The new Options for Learning site will be relocating to the Los Nietos park where three semi-permanent mobile units will be placed to include a storage unit and play area. When Options relocates to their new site, the temporary bungalows located at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center (GVNC) will be removed and the GVNC grounds will be put back to its original state.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Homeless Count Results** – The Homeless Count results have been released and are available on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority website at [www.lahsa.org](http://www.lahsa.org). Overall in the County of Los Angeles there is an increase of 16%, a slight increase in youth ages homelessness and a decline in family homelessness. Services will continue to be provided, through the efforts of our caseworkers, the Whole Child, and other resources.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. L.A. CADA Presentation

12. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANIE AGUIRRE

Committee Member Annette Rodriguez made a comment on health insurance that is available for home care.

Committee Member Gilbert Aguirre made a comment on bringing back Kool-Aid to the concert series.

Committee Member Janie Aguirre made a comment on the garden and how peaceful it is.

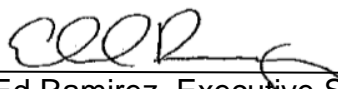
13. ADJOURNMENT – JANIE AGUIRRE

Chairperson Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019.

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Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary