



FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

5:51 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Janie Aguirre called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Laurie Rios

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Tina Delgado, Bonnie Fox, Gaby Garcia, Miriam Herrera (6:05 p.m.), Peggy Radoumis, Laurie Rios, Dolores Romero, Dr. Linda Vallejo, and Martha Villanueva

Excused: Hilda Zamora

Members Absent: Margaret Bustos

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: Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza, Caseworker II

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gilbert Aguirre and seconded by Martha Villanueva to approve the Minutes of February 20, 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Annette Rodriguez announced that prayers for the Mayor will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 6:00 a.m. In addition, a retreat for the City Council will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center to discuss the Budget items that are of importance.

City Council will be utilizing the CIP funds that were received one year ago to add two new electronic kiosks; one inside city hall and one outside, repairing city hall's parking lot, and relocating two flag poles from near the Veterans Fountain at the corner of Telegraph Road and Alburquerque. One flag will remain by the Veterans fountain. In addition all directors are compiling their budgets to discuss where the Measure "Y" monies will be applied.

Ms. Rodriguez reported that the homeless are overwhelming promenade business owners, and has met with Janice Hahn's assistant in hopes of obtaining funding from Measure "H" to enhance the Allen House, LACADA, and Safe Haven facilities as they have been able to provide the homeless with various resources and/or shelter.

The Santa Fe High School girl's Basketball team made the championship.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **CHILDREN'S BOUTIQUE** – Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza shared that The Children's boutique will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A clothing drive will be held on April 2, 2019, to April 8, 2019, to collect clothing donations. Bins will be located at City Hall and the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. This program was created to allow families from the community who attend our local schools to shop for clothing items at no cost. Statistics show that we have approximately 600 homeless children within the two school districts. No preregistration is required and partner agencies are invited to attend.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez reported on the following:

- a) **SFS FAMILY FUN RUN WALK – April 6, 2019** – The SFS Totally 80's Fun Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. meeting at the Town Center Plaza. The route will remain the same as last years; however, runners/walkers will be going in the opposite direction. Participants can register online at www.sfsfunrun.org or can register the day of the event. Participation medals will be presented to first, second and third place winners by age category.
- b) **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES** – Mr. Ramirez reported that minor revisions that were made to the code of conduct, which includes staff rules and eliminating the Betty Wilson Center. In addition, a Spanish version of the Code of Conduct is in the process of being finalized. The revised Code of Conduct only applies to the Family and Human Services Division.

- c) **CHILDCARE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES UPDATE** – The City Council has relinquished the State Grant for the Child Care program, and the subcontracted Options for Learning have agreed to continue this city service. Agreements have been worked out and Options for Learning will now maintain the licensing for this program. In addition, it is the States responsibility to find new interested organizations if needed to provide this service in the future. The City has saved approximately \$400,000.00 by subcontracting the Child Care Program.
- d) **GVNC CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019** – the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center will be closed on Monday, April 1, 2019 in Observance of Cesar Chavez day.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

a) **HERITAGE PARK AND CLARKE ESTATE PROGRAMS – Ed Ramirez**

- 1) **Movie Series Community Choice** – A movie service survey was held on social media, to obtain ideas for the Movie Series from residents. There were approximately 130 responses and the top three recommendations for this year's Movie Series are "Ralph Breaks the Internet" and "Mary Poppins."
- 2) **CONSERVATORY PLAQUE / DONATIONS** – Mr. Ramirez had a discussion with the Women's Club and City Council regarding the placement of the memorial plaques, which are presently located in the Conservatory. To have a bronze plate put in the conservatory in remembrance of a loved one requires a donation; Mr. Ramirez is looking into options, and possible donations to have all plaques located in the same general area, which is more appropriate, and less costly as it's approximately \$2000 to purchase the plaque and \$200 to purchase a plate.

In addition, sometime this past weekend one of the windows was taken from the conservatory.

- 3) **ART WALK RECAP** – The Second Annual Art Walk was held at Heritage Park on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event included a natural art walk, art tours, chalk painting, chalk art, arts and crafts, and face painting.

Mr. Ramirez created a list on items that need to be addressed at Heritage Park. The first project was the removal of the windmill at the pump house, as many slots were hanging from above. The Public Works Department built a gig to put the windmill on to transport it by truck. Public Works may be doing the refabricating of new slats for the windmill as staff is trying to be as cost effective as possible.

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*** - March

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- b. ***VITA PROGRAM UPDATE*** – Mr. Ramirez reported the Vita Program is now fully booked with appointments at this time, and has completed 153 returns. One of the challenges we are having is finding volunteers to assist with the program. Last year we had five volunteers assisting with tax refunds and this year we had only one volunteer and two trained staff members. We are 50 behind the previous year.
- c. ***CHILDREN'S BOUTIQUE – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019 2-4:30 p.m.*** – Discussed under item 7.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. ***ADVISORY PRESENTATIONS*** – Mr. Ramirez is looking for presentations at the Committees request, and has reached out to hospice and AARP. There is a possibility that AARP may partner up to offer a class out of the GVNC for the senior driving course. Members will be kept apprised.
- b. ***VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION – FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019.*** – Volunteers should be receiving an invitation for the Volunteer Recognition which will be held on Friday, April 12, 2019.
- c. ***DAY OF SERVICE – SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019*** – The day of service location has been moved from Heritage Park to the Santa Fe Springs Park.

11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Future Presentations.

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

Committee Member Peggy Radoumis made a comment pancake breakfast will be on April 20, tickets are available \$4.50 per ticket.

Committee Member Gilbert Aguirre made a comment on member attendance

13. ADJOURNMENT – JANIE AGUIRRE

Chairperson Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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



Prepared By: Virginia Magana,
Administrative Clerk, II



Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary