



FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Wednesday, May 15, 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 – Peggy Radoumis

3. ROLL CALL

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

Excused: None.

Members Absent: Gaby Garcia

Council Liaison: Annette Rodriguez, Councilmember

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

Agency Representative: None.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Hilda Zamora and seconded by Peggy Radoumis to approve the Minutes of April 16, 2018. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Annette Rodriguez reported that the City Council and Directors attended a retreat on Saturday, at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. Attendees were asked to

provide eight topics each to discuss items they feel are important for the city. The priorities are to ensure that the city has a balanced budget to remain financially stable and to enhance the city programs. To continue and improve the Senior, and youth programs stay in place, to move forward with the hotel project, to bring additional law enforcement for the safety of the community, and the Santa Fe Springs firefighters will remain as they are.

In addition, last week the police responded to a call of a naked man running down Pioneer Boulevard and ran into his home, and was not arrested. However, Lake Center Middle School was on lockdown until the incident seized. The school had requested a phone call when such an incident occurs for the safety of the children's. However, they were encouraged to call the Police Service Center, who will let them know what is going on. He was reported to be unstable and possibly on drugs.

Also, a Block party will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at Lakeview Park from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Residents are invited to come out and meet their neighbors, enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, and raffles. Whittier Police Officers will be present to answer questions residents may have.

Lastly, the Santa Fe Springs Women's Club will be hosting a Stroke Awareness workshop by Michael Aguilar at the Town Center Hall on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in meeting room one. Refreshments will be provided.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez reported on the following:

- a) ***Fiestas Patrias – Department Reorganization*** – Mr. Ramirez said the Family and Human Services Division now has additional responsibilities; the oversight of Heritage Park and Clarke Estate. Because of this change, the Parks and Recreation Division will now take on the lead of the Fiestas Patrias event with the assistance of the Family and Human Service and Library Divisions. Staff will be able to work more collaboratively and to provide more resources.
- b) ***Santa Fe Springs Women's Club Stroke Awareness Presentation*** – The Stroke Awareness Workshop by Michael Aguilar will be held on May 21, 2019, at the Town Center Hall in Meeting Room 1 at 2:00 p.m., Information on the workshop has been shared with all committees, and announcements will be made during the senior programs.
- c) ***City Advisory Committee Staff Reports*** – Mr. Ramirez reported that at the direction of the City Clerk that for every line item a report will now be included in the packets committee members receive as per the Brown Act Rules. This new procedure will begin in June.

- d) **FHS Family Fund Financial Report** – A Family and Human Services financial report will be provided and reviewed at the next meeting.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

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

- 1) **Spring Children’s Boutique Recap** – Mr. Ramirez thanked committee members for volunteering their time to make the Spring Children’s Boutique a success. Approximately sixty-nine families attended and provided 167 bags of clothing. Excess clothing will be distributed between two locations, one being the Right-Hand Shelter. At this time, the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center will not be accepting clothing due to the overabundance. Mr. Ramirez also recognized the Allen House volunteers who assisted with the labor and heavy lifting in preparations of the event. A slide show presentation was provide for the committee.

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

- 1) **Replacement of Plants and Shrubs** – Mr. Ramirez reported on the improvements that are taking place at Heritage Park, putting the liability issues first. Public Works is in the process of repairing the broken slates that were removed off the Windmill, which could have become a liability issue. Staff with the assistance of public works planted new plants, including Campos’s plants in the park, intending to improve the presentation of the shrubs and foliage. Mr. Ramirez has met with staff and public works to discuss the maintenance issues. Additional revamping shortly will be to the bone pit and train exhibit. A slide show presentation was provided for the committee.

- 2) **Children’s Day** –Children’s Day will be held at Heritage Park on Saturday, June 1, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Children will enjoy arts and crafts, games, panning for gold, rope making, and lots of old time fun throughout the day. Food will be available for purchase, and admission is free. Participants will receive a survey so they can give their feedback on the event.

3) **Announcements – Ed Ramirez**

- a. **The Orange County Food Distribution** – The next food distribution is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- b. **Healthy Tip Handout** – May Healthy Tips for Older Adults

9. OLD BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **AARP Drivers Safety Course** – Mr. Ramirez has been reaching out to AARP for the Driving Safety Course and unfortunately, has had no response. Mr. Ramirez will continue to try to get them on board for the Driving Safety Course. Members will be kept apprised.
- b. **Child Care Program Update** – In March, the City notified the State that they have relinquished their State Grant for Child Care Services. The state is now responsible for finding an agency to provide childcare services in Santa Fe Springs. The current sub-contractor is Options for Learning, and have already submitted their application for the funding and obtained the facility use, and licensing that is required. Santa Fe Springs will be ultimately out of business.

Councilmember Rodriguez and Zamora want to move forward with the land use agreement with Options for Learning, allowing them to bring in and utilize their facility. Options are still providing services at Lakeview School, and at the conclusion, the school-aged program will no longer be available at the Los Nietos Site due to attendance challenges. Once everything all legalities are finalized, the next step will be to remove the bungalows will from the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center site.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **ART FEST RECAP** – This year’s annual Artfest was held on Friday, May 3, 2019, and was a huge success with 255 artists displaying approximately 570 pieces of art. The event included one feature artist, one guest artist, and a culinary artist. Participants enjoyed a variety of entertainment, and their choice of food provided by several vendors. Prior to the event on Thursday, May 2, 2019, the City in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce hosted a Collectors Night for the business community to come out for and enjoy a preview of the art, approximately 250 business owners attended. One of the biggest challenges we will face for next year are the guidelines regarding the food booths who were reaching out to us to participate in the event. However, the Hot Dog on a Stick vendor, the most popular food vendor, was not complying with regulations as per the Fire Department.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. AARP
- b. BackPack Program

12. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANIE AGUIRRE

Committee Member Martha Villanueva made a comment thanking Councilmember Annette Rodriguez for appointing her to the committee.

Committee Member Gilbert Aguirre made a comment and would like to see more men on the committees.

The meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence for Tina (I couldn't catch the last name)

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.

Prepared By: Virginia Magana,
Administrative Clerk, II

Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary