



**FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Meeting Room #1

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

5:45 p.m.

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peggy Radoumis called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

*Members Present:* Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Bonnie Fox, Laurie Rios, Dolores Duran, Peggy Radoumis, Miriam Herrera, Elena Lopez

*Members Absent:* Christina Colon, Gaby Garcia, Shamsheer Bhandari, Dolores Romero

*Council Liaison:* Annette Rodriguez, Mayor

*Staff:* Ed Ramirez, Family and Human Services Manager, Executive Secretary Jose Carrillo, Community Services Supervisor Jasmine Oregel, Administrative Clerk

*Agency Representative:* None.

*Guest:* Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza, Family and Human Services Case Worker II

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Bonnie Fox

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Laurie Rios moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairperson Aguirre. Minutes were approved unanimously.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

None.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez introduced Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza, Family and Human Services Case Worker II, to the committee to report on the following:

### **Low Income Household Water Assistance Program**

Mrs. Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza, the Family and Human Services Case Worker II, provided a presentation to the Committee on the new Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). The federally funded program provides financial assistance to low-income Californians to help manage their residential water utility costs. To be eligible for this program, you must fall below 60% of the state median income and your water department has to be enrolled in this program. There is no age qualification and the required documents to turn in are: a valid form of photo identification, proof of income, and a past due water bill.

## 8. **DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES**

### A. ***Family and Human Services Division & Program Updates***

Mr. Carrillo provided a brief presentation of the following events and encouraged the members to read through the report in the August packet for more detailed information.

- i. 2022 Summer Movie and Concert Series at Heritage Park
- ii. Recap of the Summer Arts and Crafts Camp at Heritage Park
- iii. Grandparent and Me Day at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
- iv. Little Lake City School District Fair on August 6, 2022
- v. Recap of the Back to School Backpack Program
- vi. List of Park Hours that go into effect on Wednesday, August 17, 2022
- vii. Update on the Aquatics Center
- viii. 2022 Homeless Count Update
- ix. Fiestas Patrias event hosted by the Parks and Recreation Services Division on Friday, September 9, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. at Los Nietos Park
- x. Dia de los Muertos event hosted by the Family and Human Services Division on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at Heritage Park
- xi. Update on the Heritage Park Café

## 9. **OLD BUSINESS**

**Back to School Backpack Program** – The Family and Human Services Division hosted the Back to School Backpack Program on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. There were 135 registered participants and there were 130 backpacks provided on the day of the event. The week following the event, there were 18 additional backpacks given out, which brought the total to 148. There are 9 additional students expected to come in within the next week and it will bring it to a total of 157 backpacks provided. Backpacks will be continued to be provided until supplies have been exhausted or all eligible students have received one.

## 10. **NEW BUSINESS**

**2022 Holiday Basket Volunteer Orientation** – The Family and Human Services Division will be holding the Holiday Basket Program Volunteer orientation on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. The orientation will provide an overview of the holiday events and review the Volunteer Policy and Procedures handbook approved by City Council in March 2018.

11. FUTURE AGENDA UPDATES

- a) Alzheimer and Dementia Presentation
- b) New California Food Waste Law

12. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Radoumis shared the Relay for Life will be taking place on September 24, 2022. The Department of Fire and Rescue will be hosting the annual Potato Bake on August 18, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and it is \$10 per person.

Member Lopez asked if someone was aware of why the construction was taking place on Pioneer Blvd. near the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. Executive Secretary Ramirez shared the construction was taking place to fix the concrete, sidewalks, gutters, and adding ramps to the corners of the ends of the sidewalks.

Member Gilbert Aguirre shared with the members to be mindful of the traffic that will begin taking place once again for those who live near a school as the new school year will begin soon.

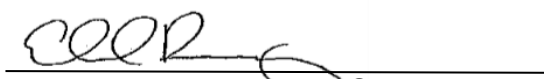
Vice-Chairperson Aguirre expressed that she enjoyed her time spent at the Annual Fashion Show hosted by the Women’s Club.

Member Herrera shared the Annual Fashion Show hosted by the Women’s Club on Sunday, August 14, 2022 was successful. There were 12 students who each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. in person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Rm #1.

  
Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary