



FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

5:45 p.m.

Via Zoom Teleconference

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peggy Radoumis called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Peggy Radoumis

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Dolores Duran, Christina Colon, Bonnie Fox, Gaby Garcia, Mariam Herrera, Peggy Radoumis, Laurie Rios, Dolores Romero, Martha Villanueva, Shamsheer Bhandari, Hilda Zamora,

Members Absent: Elena Lopez,

Council Liaison: Annette Rodriguez, Mayor

Staff: Ed Ramirez, Family and Human Services Manager,
Executive Secretary
Jose Carrillo, Community Services Supervisor

Agency Representative: None.

Guest: Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Laurie Rios and seconded by Martha Villanueva to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2022. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Rodriguez gave an update on the precautions the City has taken due to the recent shootings that occurred near Danby Avenue. Cameras have been purchased, installed and additional lighting for the surrounding area is being purchased. Whittier Police Department will continue to increase their patrol around the area to detouring criminal activities.

On June 1, 2022, the city will be receiving an approved grant for \$130,000 that will be utilized for necessary home improvements for residents. Applicants must meet the income qualification to be approved for up to \$5,000 for repairs.

On Sunday, March 13, 2022, the Santa Fe Springs Women's Club will be hosting its annual Quarter Mania event at the Town Center Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets are available at \$20.00 per person and all proceeds go to the city's Youth Scholarship Fund.

On May 6, 2022, the SFS Art Fest will be held at the Clarke Estate.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez reported on the following:

- a) **FHS Division – Family Services and Case Management Presentation – Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza, Human Services Case Worker II** – Executive Secretary Ramirez introduced Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza Case Worker II who provided an overview of the services the Family and Human Services Division has been providing during the Covid-19 epidemic and continue to provide. These services include but limited to the Utility Assistance program, Covered California, Food Pantry, Community Closet, Notary Services, and the upcoming Children's Boutique.

- b) **Meet the Mayor** – Mr. Ramirez announced that there is an opportunity for residents to meet the Mayor on the last Wednesday of each month at the Library at 6:30 p.m.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

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

Executive Secretary Ramirez gave a brief recap of the reports in the Family and Human Services Committee packet including the Penny Carnival, Fitness Court Update, Shamrock 5k walk/Run, COVID -19 testing at Little Lake Park and Library programming. Members were encouraged to refer back to the report for more information.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a) **VITA Program** – Executive Secretary Ramirez reported to the committee that appointments for 2021 tax preparations are now accepted at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center and shared the program will continue as a drop-off and pick-up service.

2022 Homeless Count – Executive Secretary Ramirez reported the Whole Child will be the leading agency conducting the 2022 homeless count on February 23, 2022, from 4:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and will be held out of the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. Committee members interested in volunteering can contact the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) via email at www.theycountwillyou.org to register.

11. FUTURE AGENDA UPDATES

Alzheimer and Dementia presentation

Human Trafficking presentation

12. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christina Colon introduced herself who has been a resident of Santa Fe Springs her entire life. She is self-employed with four children and has been married to her husband for 20 years.

Mariam Herrera announced that she attended a presentation held by Eric Chavez, a member of the Florence Avenue Four Square Christian Church focusing on Human Trafficking. She shared how individuals volunteer every month to reach individuals impacted by this terrible global problem.

Dolores Romero announced that she has become a great-great-grandmother to a beautiful great-great-granddaughter.

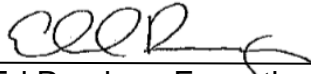
Hilda Zamora ask for assistance in passing the word around about the scholarships available to the student's at local schools.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. via Zoom or phone.

Prepared By: Virginia Magana,
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Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary