



FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Meeting Room #1

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Peggy Radoumis called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Christina Colon, Bonnie Fox, Laurie Rios, Shamsheer Bhandari, Dolores Duran, Gaby Garcia, Peggy Radoumis, Miriam Herrera

Members Absent: Dolores Romero, Elena Lopez

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: Gus Hernandez, Parks and Recreation Services Manager

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Gilbert Aguirre

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chairperson Aguirre moved to approve the minutes of June 15, 2022. The motion was seconded by Member Laurie Rios. Minutes were approved unanimously.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

- Mayor Annette Rodriguez encouraged the members to attend the Safe Neighborhood Team (SNT) meeting on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at Lakeview Park from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Mayor Rodriguez gave a brief overview of the possibility of re-opening the Heritage Park Café to sell pre-packaged goods.
- The Summer Series Concert by Woodie and the Longboards, a Beach Boys tribute band, will be taking place on Friday, July 22, 2022 at Heritage Park and there will be Starbucks coffee available for attendees.
- The flock cameras that were installed throughout the City have been beneficial with assisting the Department of Police Services in arresting criminals passing through town.
- There will be two additional traffic officers that will be hired to assist the Department of Police Services.
- During the July 19, 2022 City Council meeting, Council discussed their intent to review the issue regarding whether to place the City business operational tax license on the ballot for the upcoming election. This will be a tax charge to businesses in the City of Santa Fe Springs to provide the financial support in fixing any infrastructure in Santa Fe Springs.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez introduced Parks and Recreation Services Manager, Gus Hernandez to the committee to report on the following:

Aquatic Center Presentation

Mr. Gus Hernandez, the Parks and Recreation Services Manager provided a presentation to the Committee on the current status of the Aquatic Center Pool and survey being conducted. The Aquatic Center was built in 1985 and due to safety hazards, the pool was closed in October of 2021. The current cost allocated for this project is \$3,662,000 and the plan is to begin renovations in 2022 through 2025. The Parks and Recreation Services Division has arranged for several beach trips and trips to local pools throughout the summer season to help residents stay cool. Surveys are available for residents at City facilities and online on the City of Santa Fe Springs website in both English and Spanish.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

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

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

- i. 2022 Summer Movie and Concert Series at Heritage Park
- ii. Summer Arts and Crafts Camp at Heritage Park
- iii. The Parks and Recreation Services Day Camp Program

- iv. Park and Recreation Month at Los Nietos Park on Thursday, July 21, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- v. Re-opening of the Heritage Park Café
- vi. The Family and Human Services Division Student interns
- vii. City Volunteer Program Services,
- viii. Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center lobby TV monitors.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Back to School Backpack Program – The Family and Human Services Division will be hosting the Back to School Backpack Program on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. Monetary and in-kind donations for school supplies are currently being accepted. Students who reside in the City of Santa Fe Springs and are in 1st through 12th grade are able to register for the program beginning Monday, June 27, 2022 through Friday, July 22, 2022.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. FUTURE AGENDA UPDATES

- a) Alzheimer and Dementia Presentation

12. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Peggy 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 Herrera shared the Women’s Club will be hosting the Annual Fashion Show on Sunday, August 14, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. She encouraged members to attend the event and/or contribute in assisting the students to receive the scholarship. For more information or any questions, member Herrera encouraged members to reach out to her, Chairperson Radoumis, or Mayor Rodriguez.

Member Bhandari notified the members he will be absent for the next meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

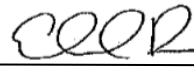
Member Fox shared with the members the items most needed for the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center Food Pantry. Chairperson Radoumis encouraged members who are able, to bring goods for the Food Pantry at the next meeting.

Vice-Chairperson Aguirre asked Executive Secretary Ramirez to clarify how much time a member has before they are considered absent for a meeting. Mr. Ramirez responded that they have 15 minutes to arrive before they are considered absent for the meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. in person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Rm #1.



Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary