



FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

5:45 p.m.

Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center - Meeting Room #1

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Janie Aguirre 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, Dolores Romero, Elena Lopez, Shamsheer Bhandari,

Members Absent: Dolores Duran, Gaby Garcia, Miriam Herrera, Peggy Radoumis, Martha Villanueva, Hilda Zamora

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: Darryl Pedigo, Lead Public Safety Officer
Laura Cabrera, Bus Driver III

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Bonnie Fox

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

No Report.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez introduced Lead Public Safety Officer, Darryl Pedigo to the committee to report on the following:

Fraud and Scam Prevention Presentation – Tips for the Public

Mr. Darryl Pedigo, a Lead Public Safety Officer with the Santa Fe Springs Department of Police Services, provided a presentation on fraud and scam prevention for the community. Mr. Pedigo shared information on the various types of scams and provided phone numbers you may reach out to for assistance. Mr. Pedigo concluded the presentation by sharing the Department of Police Services contact information for any future inquiries

Mr. Ramirez introduced Bus Driver III, Laura Cabrera to the committee to report on the following:

Santa Fe Springs Transportation Services – Tips for the Public

Ms. Laura Cabrera, a Bus Driver III with the Santa Fe Springs Department of Public Works Transportation Services, provided information on the Transportation Services for the community. She provided an overview of the various services available and how City residents can register or schedule appointments.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

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

Executive Secretary Ed Ramirez reported the new changes taking place at the Willie Gordon Learning Center (WGLC) at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. Members were encouraged to refer to the staff report for more information.

Mr. Ramirez shared Deborah Raia has been appointed as the new Library Services Manager. Ms. Raia began her career in the City of Santa Fe Springs over 6 years ago as the Librarian III.

Mr. Carrillo presented a recap of the Pioneer Living Day event that will take place at Heritage Park on Saturday, June 4th from noon until 4:00 p.m., this is a free event. The event will feature a full day of children’s crafts and games, interactive experiences, and old-fashion live demonstrations. Members were encouraged to refer to the staff report for more information

Mr. Carrillo shared information about the 2022 Summer Movie and Concert Series at Heritage Park that will begin Fridays beginning June 10, 2022 – August 5, 2022. There will be a total of 8 events consisting of 5 concerts starting at 7:00 p.m. and 3 movies starting at 8:15 p.m. Members were encouraged to refer to staff report for more information.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Children's Boutique – Mr. Ramirez reported that the Family and Human Services Division hosted the Children's Boutique on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. Mr. Ramirez was grateful to everyone who assisted with the planning of the event. This event allowed underprivileged families to receive slightly used clothing. There were 52 families who were able to receive bags of clothing, with a total of 173 bags given out.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. FUTURE AGENDA UPDATES

a) Alzheimer and Dementia Presentation

12. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

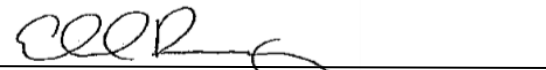
Member Colon inquired about the possibility of offering events, such as dances, to younger adults. Executive Secretary Ramirez made note of the idea and will follow-up with any potential updates.

Member Gilbert Aguirre shared there are many City residents who are still unaware of the Paramedic Subscription. Mr. Ramirez will reach out to the Department of Fire and Rescue to explore possible various options to notify the residents on the Paramedic Subscription Program.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. in person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Rm #1.



Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary