



FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Meeting Room #1

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: 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: None.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Bonnie Fox

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Laurie Rios moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 2022. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairperson Aguirre. Minutes were approved unanimously.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Annette Rodriguez reported on the following to the committee:

- i. The Red Ribbon Parade will be taking place on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The parade will begin at Lake Center Middle School and end at Jersey Elementary School.

- ii. The City of Santa Fe Springs will be hosting the annual Veteran's Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at City Hall at 5:45 p.m.
- iii. Lantern Tours at Heritage Park will take place on Friday, October 21, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- iv. Submit an application at Police Services for the Security Camera Rebate Program. If security cameras are already installed at home they may still qualify if an individual spent more than \$200.
- v. There will be two additional traffic officers working with the Police Services Center.
- vi. Petition has begun for a stop light or sign on the cross streets of Orr and Day Rd. and Whiteland St.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez reported on the following to the committee:

- i. Executive Secretary Ramirez welcomed and introduced new Family and Human Services member Adrienne Karnofel. Ms. Karnofel gave a brief introduction to the committee members. She is an English teacher at Santa Fe High School and has been a resident of the City of Santa Fe Springs since 2008. Ms. Karnofel is a mother to four children, who have all attended schools in the Little Lake City School District.
- ii. Mr. Ramirez provided an overview of the Summer Concert and Movie Series survey to the members. The surveys were distributed to participants of the Summer Series about midway through the series. Staff received positive feedback on the surveys. Staff is considering hosting concerts every Friday at Heritage Park during the Summer Series and host movies once a month on a Saturday at different parks throughout the City.

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. Dia de los Muertos Event at Heritage Park
- ii. Halloween Carnival & Haunted House Update
- iii. Lantern Tours at Heritage Park on Friday, October 21, 2022
- iv. Aquatic Center Update
- v. New Adaptive Recreation Programming

9. OLD 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 6:30 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.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Human Connect Newsletter Overview – The Human Connect Newsletter is being brought back for the months of November and December 2022. A brief overview of what is to come and any information that is normally in the Senior Buzz will be included in the Human Connect Newsletter. These will be provided to participants on a bi-monthly basis.

Family and Human Services Advisory Committee (FHSAC) Meeting Dates – In an effort to be consistent with all the other Santa Fe Springs City Advisory Committees, the FHSAC will have dark months in July, August, and December.

Cancel January 2023 Meeting –The Family and Human Services Advisory Committee (FHSAC) will be cancelled at the regular scheduled meeting for January of 2023. Traditionally, the FHSAC begins the new calendar year with a meeting on the third Wednesday in January. Per the new advisory committee bylaws (Ordinance 1111, § 32.33), appointments to commissions and committees shall be made at the first council meeting in January. Due to the time to complete and send letters to all appointees by the City Clerk, this will not allow ample time for the preparation of the January FHSAC meeting. As such, the FHSAC meeting is cancelled for January.

11. FUTURE AGENDA UPDATES

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

12. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Radoumis shared the Relay for Life that took place on September 24, 2022 raised over \$80,000. The Women’s Club Boutique will be taking place on Friday, November 4, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be food available to purchase and vendors. Chairperson Radoumis asked Mr. Ramirez what is needed for the Christmas Holiday Basket for donations. Mr. Ramirez shared toys and gift cards are highly recommended to be brought in as a donation. However, any play-doh or toys that are scented or with chemicals are unfortunately not accepted as a donation.

Member Gilbert Aguirre asked what the City Clerks hours are if members have any questions they’d like to ask her. Janet Martinez, City Clerk, is available Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and has alternating Fridays off when City Hall is closed. Mr. Aguirre asked if staff is aware if the Department of Fire and Rescue will be doing anything for the holidays, such as the Fire with the Boys event. Mr. Ramirez will touch base with the Department of Fire and Rescue to get information on any events they’ll be hosting for the holidays.

Member Fox shared with the members that any canned food donations that have a lid or top that can be easily popped off is encouraged to be donated at the Gus Velasco Food Pantry.

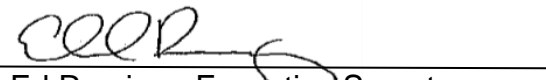
Member Colon shared with the members that Santa Fe High Track and Field will have a tournament at Cal High School Saturday, October 22, 11:00 a.m.

Member Herrera shared the Four Square Church is hosting their Harvest Festival on Friday, October 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Rm #1.


Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary