



FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Meeting Room #1

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Bonnie Fox, Laurie Rios, Dolores Duran, Peggy Radoumis, Elena Lopez, Kerry Ann Cobos, Francis Carbajal, Christina Colón, Gaby Garcia, Adrienne Karnofel

Members Absent: Miriam Herrera

Council Liaison: Jay Sarno, Mayor Pro Tem

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

Agency Representative: None.

Guest: Steven Rickert, Lead Public Safety Officer
Paul Garcia, Detective of the Whittier Police Department

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Bonnie Fox

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dolores Duran and seconded by Laurie Rios to approve the Minutes for the April 20, 2023 meeting.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

None.

7. PRESENTATIONS

Police Services – Crime Statistics

Detective Paul Garcia provided information on common crimes and scams that have recently taken place in Santa Fe Springs. In relation to robberies, there has been an increase in robberies taking place. However, it is not City residents committing the crimes, it is suspects who reside in a different city. There has also been an increase of possession and/or use of fentanyl; this is only seen in the homeless camps.

Detective Garcia provided a few different popular scams that have recently taken place. A few examples are lottery and sweepstakes, taxes, investments, home titles, romance, utility companies, “grandparent scams”, and fishing scams. He informed members to be cautious and attentive when receiving any type of scam phone calls or messages. The scammer will always try to gather information and continue to be very persistent until they gather the information they need. Once a call has been traced and if the phone number is somewhere overseas, the United States of America has no jurisdiction, therefore nothing can be done. Unfortunately, many of the scammers are overseas.

There are also scammers in person, such as an individual claiming to be a contractor. There have been incidents where an individual will hire a contractor and the contractor will ask to be paid partially before finishing the job and they do not return once they have been paid. Scams related to home titles have recently increased. Detective Garcia recommends for home owners to visit the County Registrar and Recorder office in the City of Norwalk about every 6 months to be sure there hasn't been a change to the home title. The ones who are usually targeted are the home owners who are almost done paying off their mortgage or who have already fully paid off their home.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

None.

9. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

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 May packet for more detailed information.

- i. Adaptive Recreation
- ii. CHP – Age Well Drive Smart Presentation
- iii. Mobile Mammogram Screening
- iv. PRS Summer Camp
- v. Community Excursions
- vi. 2023 SFS Art Fest Recap

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2023 Summer Concert and Movie Series Update
- b. Children’s Boutique Recap
- c. VITA Program Recap

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Family Paint Night

12. FUTURE AGENDA UPDATES

Member Gilbert Aguirre suggested inviting the new City Manager, once they are hired, to meet the advisory committee members.

13. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Colón announced to the members if they visit the restaurant Taco Nazo in the City of Bellflower on Alondra Blvd. for the remainder of the night and say “Santa Fe Chieftain Tribe” at checkout, they will receive a discount on their meal.

Member Aguirre wished everyone a Happy Father’s Day.

Mr. Carrillo provided information of the upcoming funeral for the mother of the former Program Coordinator, Jean Madrid.

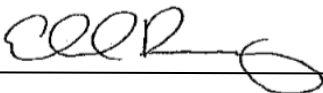
Member Carbajal shared with the members she was recently released from the hospital and is doing better with her health.

Chairperson Radoumis encouraged the members to purchase their ticket for the upcoming Fashion Show held by the Women’s Club. The fashion show will take place on Sunday, August 13th at 11:30 a.m. and it is a fundraiser to help provide scholarships to local high school seniors. She encouraged members to share this information to provide additional scholarships to students.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 5:45 p.m. in person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Rm #1.



Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary



Jasmine Oregel, Administrative Assistant II