



HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center

Meeting Room No. 1

Meeting of Tuesday, March 27, 2018

9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Laurie Rios called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Mr. Ramirez welcomed City Manager Raymond Cruz and new Committee member Albert J. Hayes.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Debbie Baker, Francis Carbajal, Sally Gaitan, Gabriel Jimenez, Albert J. Hayes, Pauline Moore, Larry Oblea, Laurie Rios, and Charlotte Zevallos

Absent: May Sharp (Member Emeritus)

City Council Liaison: Councilmember Richard Moore

Staff: Maricela Balderas, Director of Community Services (Excused)
Ed Ramirez, Family & Human Services Manager/
Executive Secretary
Maritza Sosa-Nieves, Management Assistant I (Excused)
Cuong Nguyen, Senior Planner

Guests: City Manager Raymond C. Cruz, Santa Fe Springs

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

An inquiry was made if a presentation of "Echoes of Espana" will be given at today's meeting. This item is tabled to the meeting of April 24, 2018.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Debbie Baker and seconded by Pauline Moore to approve the Minutes of February 27, 2018 as amended. The motion was carried unanimously.

Section 13, ANNOUNCEMENTS, Item 3, amend to read:

"A request was made to follow-up on Committee name badges for members Charlotte Zevallos and Francis Carbajal."

A name badge will also be ordered for new member Albert J. Hayes.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

City Manager Raymond Cruz introduced himself to the Committee members and gave an overview of his family life and career background. Mr. Cruz expressed his support of the arts and looks forward to working with the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee in promoting the Art in Public Places Programs as well as programs that honor children, seniors, and veterans.

Councilmember Moore reported that the City will not be building a container park as the manufacturing company has opted in building a container park in the City of Bellflower. City Council is studying other options for the site and members will be kept apprised.

Also, the City Council approved guidelines for distribution of food and gifts at the City's Neighborly Elf and Thankful Basket Programs.

Councilmember Moore announced that a proposed 1% tax increase will be on the November ballot and indicated if passed, it will be at the maximum level as allowed by the County and State. An inquiry was made regarding educating the public on the proposed 1% tax increase. A suggestion was made by Laurie Rios that an informational flyer be sent to homes describing the benefits of the 1% tax increase for the November election. In addition, it was suggested that the flyers be distributed by Committee volunteer teams in their neighborhoods as well as promote within the Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Moore will share the Committee's suggestions with the Sub-Committee.

6. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

None.

7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

Cuong Nyugen reported on the following:

A copy of total contributions to the HAPP Art Fund, for the period ending February 2018, was distributed to members for their review.

Mr. Nyugen also gave an update on new businesses opening in the city. Development by Goodman Bircher has been leased completely. Also, Sonic Burger is finalizing an exclusive negotiating agreement and potential secondary tenant vendor list. In addition, the tentative map for the hotel was approved by the Planning Commission. Staff is currently looking at supplemental parking to the proposed subterranean parking as well as perimeter parking to mitigate anticipated impact from conference attendees.

Discussion ensued regarding parking along Pioneer Boulevard by Terminix Company employees. Mr. Nyugen will look into the matter and if needed, refer this issue to Code Enforcement.

In addition, an inquiry was made regarding who is responsible for the maintenance under the Railroad Bridge along Telegraph Road. Mr. Nyugen will report to the Department of Public Works to verify if it falls under the City's jurisdiction.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **SFS Art Fest 2018 Update** – This event is anticipated to reach 200 participating artists at the SFS Art Fest. Art Consultant Sandra Hahn has been in communication with the featured and guest artists and is coordinating their participation. Staff is finalizing entertainment for the main stage, food stage and courtyard stage areas and an overview of the planning was given. Currently, seeking judges for the live painting and further information will be provided to members at the next meeting. In addition, the Library is conducting three workshops for the community to partake in.

Discussion ensued regarding future plans in incorporating car artistry as well as featuring local food vendors and members shared their ideas.

Lastly, tickets are available for the Paint and Wine event at \$35. Sessions include:

- Session 1: "You & Moi," Picasso – 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
- Session 2: "Water Lilies" – Monet – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
- Session 3: "Stars & Moon," Van Gogh – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and
- Session 4: "Mi Corona," Frida – 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised.

- b. **Review and Approval of Financial Report** - Mr. Ramirez provided an overview of the FY 2017/2018 Financial Report for periods ending February 2018, and a copy was distributed to members for their review. Balance: \$1.5 million.

A motion was made by Francis Carbajal and seconded by Debbie Baker to approve the FY 2017/2018 Financial Report for the period ending February 2018. The motion was carried unanimously.

As per the Committee's request, Mr. Ramirez addressed concerns with the Department of Public Works regarding the exchange/replacement of seasonal plants. Staff is working with Landscape Maintenance Company to address the issue. Discussion ensued and members shared ideas to maintain green areas within the Sculpture Garden, Heritage Park, and Clarke Estate. Mr. Ramirez will further discuss this issue with Adam Matsumoto, Parks and Recreation Manager as well Helio Espinoza of the Department of Public Works.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Construction Worker Art Piece Update** – The City Attorney is reviewing the maintenance agreement and will give a report on how the City may proceed. Mr. Ramirez will keep City Council and the Committee members apprised.
- b. **Clarke Estate Pool Art Pieces Update** – The artist has agreed to powder coat the art pieces and are anticipated to be installed prior to the SFS Art Fest event.

- c. ***The “Santa Fe Springs Oranges” Mural (Box Car) Update*** – Mr. Ramirez reported that he spoke to Margaret Hammon and she informed him that the original artist was not available to restore the art piece and so another artist was hired to repaint the mural when it was in need of restoration, but has since passed away. Meanwhile, Mr. Ramirez has obtained two leads on other conservators to obtain a cost estimate to refurbish the art piece. Discussion ensued and members shared their ideas. Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised.
- d. ***Fire Fighters Memorial Art Piece Update*** – Members viewed a slide show on the progress of the construction of the art piece. Mr. Ramirez met with Fire Department personnel regarding the dedication ceremony, which is confirmed to be held on April 28, 2018 at 10:30 a.m., and invitations will be mailed to members. An overview of the program was given.

In addition, Members were asked if they would consider approving funding to assist with the dedication cost. A budgeted amount is currently set-aside for this purpose in the Heritage Arts in Public Places Fund. A motion was made by Debbie Baker and seconded by Francis Carbajal to award a sum of \$2,500 from the Heritage Arts in Public Places Fund towards the cost of the dedication of the Fire Fighters Memorial Art Piece. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised on the progress of the Fire Fighters Memorial Art Piece.

Furthermore, members will be given an update on the responses from local businesses regarding art maintenance on their properties at a future meeting.

Lastly, it was reported that the damaged base to the “Little Slugger” art piece, located at the Betty Wilson Center, is being addressed. It was brought to the Committee’s attention that the Department of Public Works Maintenance Division previously kept in stock stones to replace any fallen stones from this particular art piece. Mr. Ramirez will investigate this matter and keep members apprised.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. ***Heritage Arts in Public Places Files*** – A review of the art files was conducted and findings indicate that approximately ten files are missing their respective Maintenance Agreements. Staff will be visiting the County Registrar’s Office to obtain copies of CC&R’s to make a determination on whether an agreement was ever signed and filed.

In addition, it was confirmed by Margaret Hammon that the “Orange Harvest” art piece does not have a signed Maintenance Agreement. Therefore, as previously recommended by the Committee to approve the deaccession of the art piece, staff will be moving towards that direction.

A recommendation was made to invite Margaret Hammon to attend a future meeting and give a presentation to the Committee on the history of the Art in Public Places art pieces.

A motion was made by Gabriel Jimenez and seconded by Debbie Baker to invite Margaret Hammon to give a presentation on the history of the Art in Public Places art pieces. The motion was carried unanimously.

Furthermore, letters were mailed to private owners of whom some have replied that they are complying with the Maintenance Agreement by sustaining the upkeep of their art pieces on an annual basis.

Also, the City Attorney has been consulted regarding updating the Maintenance Agreement and she has recommended to draft a new agreement for any new art pieces that are implemented in the future. Mr. Ramirez will provide a complete report on the status of the art pieces at a future meeting.

b. ***Maintenance of Privately Owned Art Pieces -***
(As reported in Section 10a.)

c. ***Traffic Signal Cabinet Artwork Update*** - Art rendering options were reviewed by members. Discussion ensued and members shared their ideas. Mr. Ramirez will share the Committee's feedback with the artist and present final renderings at the April 24, 2018 meeting for the Committee's review and approval.

11. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

a. ***Upcoming Community Services Events –***

- 1) Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Los Nietos Park at 10:00 a.m. with the Pancake Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
- 2) Volunteer Recognition – Friday, April 13, 2018 at Town Center Hall at 6:00 p.m. Invitations will be sent to all volunteers and City Committee members with detailed information.
- 3) Call to Service Saturday - April 14, 2018 at G.V.N.C. at 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- 4) Fun Run/Walk – Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. beginning at Town Center. Route information will be mailed to the community. Various health sponsors will be available to provide resources to the community following the event.
- 5) Fire Fighter's Memorial Unveiling Ceremony – Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
- 6) SFS Art Fest Event – Friday, May 4, 2018 at Clarke Estate from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Orange Harvest Art Piece
- 2) SFS Box Mural "Santa Fe Springs Oranges"
- 3) Traffic Signal Cabinet Mural Project
- 4) Revised Art Walk Brochure

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ramirez received notification from a representative from the Stenman Art Trust who expressed if the City is interested in becoming the heir to a seven million dollar art collection to include a monetary donation to support the art collection. Mr. Ramirez has submitted an informal request to obtain further information and will report back to the Committee.

Gabriel Jimenez reported that he visited various classrooms at Lake Center Junior High School on March 20, 2018 and he was presented a card of appreciation addressed to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee for the Art Education Art Grant awarded this past year.

Pauline Moore made a comment.

Sally Gaitan made a comment.

Larry Oblea on behalf of Amparo Oblea expressed her thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to have served on the Heritage Arts Committee. A card of appreciation will be sent to Amparo on behalf of the Committee. Mr. Oblea also made a personal comment.

Chair Laurie Rios commended Amparo Oblea for the number of years serving on the Heritage Arts Committee and suggested that a Thank You card on behalf of the members be sent to her in appreciation. A card will be available to sign by members at the April 24, 2018.

Charlotte Zevallos encouraged members to attend the Easter Pancake Breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m.

Debbie Baker announced that the Santa Fe Springs Chamber Commerce Youth Enrichment Fund "Denim Diamond and Destiny" themed fundraising event will be held on June 23, 2018 at Strawberry Farms Golf Club. This event helps support mentoring programs as well as the Destiny Scholarship and Powell Grant Scholarship. In addition, the Chamber will also be forming a new grant for community junior college opportunities sponsored by Susan and Ron Crowell.

Albert Hayes expressed his gratefulness to be serving on the Committee.


Councilmember Richard Moore made a comment.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rios adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center,
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Administrative Clerk, II

Ed Ramirez,
Executive Secretary