



HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
Meeting Room No. 1
Meeting of Tuesday, May 29, 2018
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Laurie Rios called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Larry Oblea, May Sharp (Member Emeritus)

City Council Liaison: Councilmember Richard Moore

Staff: Maricela Balderas, Director of Community Services
Ed Ramirez, Family & Human Services Manager/
Executive Secretary
Maritza Sosa-Nieves, Management Assistant I (Excused)
Vince Velasco, Planning Consultant

Guests: Sandra Hahn, Art Consultant

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sally Gaitan and seconded by Debbie Baker to approve the Minutes of April 24, 2018. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Moore announced that due to May Sharp's debilitating health, he will be making a recommendation to the City Council to relieve her from serving on the HAAC. A card to thank her for her years of service on behalf of the Committee will be mailed to her home.

Councilmember Moore also reported that members of the City Council attended a developer's conference in Las Vegas, Nevada and spoke to potential developers and restaurant representatives regarding marketing of various property sites.

Also, there was discussion and action taken by the Planning Department regarding Carmela Elementary School soccer field property that is being leased for development by the school district and community residents shared their concerns and were assured that this project will not impact the environment and the neighboring properties. The project meets all Planning Department criteria and is compatible with the surrounding properties. In addition, the development will be a benefit to the school district as well as generate additional revenue to the City of Santa Fe Springs.

Mr. Moore and Ed Ramirez attended the Citizen of the Year Award event held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles recognizing recipient resident Luis Guillen who has volunteered at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center Nutrition Program for twenty years.

City Manager Ray Cruz is familiarizing himself with the various City Committees and programs and is doing well in acclimating as the new City Manager.

A city-wide yard sale event will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2018. No permit is required. Non-profit organizations will be driving by to pick up unwanted items. Trash haulers will follow to pick up remaining items.

6. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

None.

7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

Vince Velasco reported on the following:

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

Mr. Velasco gave an overview of new developments in the city including, a bakery building south of Aldi's at Gateway Plaza and building improvements by McKesson Pharmaceutical, and other tenant improvements. In addition, a new business coming to Gateway Plaza is La Michoacana Ice Cream, which is replacing Payless Shoe Store who is leaving the shopping center. Also, plans for the hotel development at the Sculpture Garden site is proceeding and staff has reviewed the environmental document and will be meeting with the developer. Besides, the City is finalizing the purchase agreement with Sonic Burgers and it is anticipated to be approved at the June 14, 2018 City Council meeting.

Mr. Moore reported that Aldi's has had a slow start, but are hopeful sales will increase.

Vince Velasco was excused from the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

- a. ***SFS Art Fest 2018 Recap and Video*** – Mr. Ramirez presented a video for members to view and an overview of the program was given. Mr. Ramirez will present the

Committee a final cost report and debriefing report at the June 26, 2018 meeting.

Art Consultant Sandra Hahn gave a final report and copies were distributed to members for their review. Members gave their feedback on the event and made suggestions for future SFS Art Fest events.

Sandra Hahn was excused from the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

- b. **Review and Approval of Financial Report** - Mr. Ramirez provided an overview of the FY 2017/2018 Financial Report for the period ending April 2018, and a copy was distributed to members for their review. Balance: \$1.4 million.

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

Gabriel Jimenez was excused from the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

- c. **Family and Human Services Division Reorganization** – Maricela Balderas reported that the Child Care and Development Program is being contracted out to Options for Learning, effective July 1, 2018. In addition, the management and programs of Heritage Park and Clarke Estate are being moved to the Family and Human Services Division under the supervision of Ed Ramirez with the assistance of Carlos Mendoza. The Carriage Barn will be assigned to Library Director Joyce Ryan who will be working with the schools and docent programs. Furthermore, an internal recruitment for a Program Coordinator at Heritage Park will be conducted.
- d. **Presentation on the City's History of the Public Arts Program by Margaret Hammond** - Mr. Ramirez has invited Margaret to the June 26, 2018 meeting to give a presentation on the history of the Heritage Arts in Public Places Program.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Clarke Estate Pool Art Update** – Images were shared of the *Glide* and *Ecstasy* Art Pieces that were installed in the Clarke Estate pool.
- b. **Fire Fighters Memorial Art Piece Recap** - Images were shared with members of the Fire Fighters Memorial Art Piece dedication and unveiling on Saturday, April 28, 2018.
- c. **Little Slugger Art Piece Repairs** – Images of the restored art piece were shared with the Committee, which was repaired internally by Public Works staff.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Heritage Arts in Public Places Files** – Staff is continually working on files to ensure that all required documentation is complete.

- b. **Orange Harvest Art Piece** – Mr. Ramirez is in contact with Merrie Hathaway regarding the Committee's recommendation to deaccess the art piece and will keep members apprised.
- c. **Art Education Grants** – All new applications and final reports from schools and agencies were received. The Committee was asked for their feedback on several items that were originally not approved under the Guidelines. Members shared their views on this issue and recommended that the school's request be denied. Maritza will be contacting the schools of the Committee's decision. Furthermore, the new applications will be distributed to members at the June 26, 2018 meeting for the Committees review and the final awards will be determined at the July 2018 meeting.

A video presentation of the Art Education Grants FY 2017/2018 Program was viewed by members.

Chair Rios, Albert Hayes, and Francis Carbajal attended Santa Fe Christian School Art Fest event featuring student art projects and music performances, and shared their thoughts and experiences. In addition, the schools expressed their appreciation to the Committee for the Art Education Grant award. Members were encouraged to attend future school art program events.

11. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

Maricela Balderas reported on the following:

a. **Upcoming Community Services Events** –

- 1) Summer Series Movie and Concerts every Friday, beginning June 8 – August 3, 2018. Program includes Grease Movie – June 8, 2018; Mariachi Divas – July 13, 2018; Coco Movie – July 20, 2018. For more movie and concert series schedule information, contact the Parks and Recreation office.
- 2) Fashion Friday component will be added to the Music Concert series. Food truck vendors will also be present.
- 3) First Friday Events at the Library – June 1, 2018 – Don Quixote at 7:00 p.m. Members were encouraged to attend.
- 4) The Fresh Gourmet has retrieved its Concessionaire Agreement at Heritage Park, due to unforeseen circumstances. Meanwhile, staff is working on bringing in food trucks for special events at Heritage Park, until another vendor is secured.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Traffic Signal Cabinet Artwork – More information at the June 26, 2018 meeting.
- b. The Santa Fe Springs Oranges Mural (Box Car)
- c. Art Walk
- d. Art Showcase Display at City Hall

13. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pauline Moore announced that the SFS Art Fest Paint and Wine event raised \$1,400.

Debbie Baker announced that tickets are still available to the Santa Fe Springs Chamber "*Denim, Diamond, and Destiny*" fundraising event benefitting scholarship programs, at Strawberry Farms in Irvine, on Saturday, June 23, 2018. The Chamber awarded multiple grants this year including \$20,000, \$10,000 and four \$100 scholarships.

Francis Carbajal thanked Councilmember Moore for his insight and guidance to the HAAC.

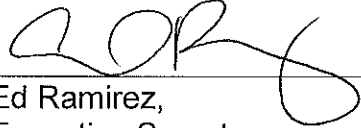
14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rios adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Room No. 1.



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Ed Ramirez,
Executive Secretary