



HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
Meeting Room No. 1
Meeting of Tuesday, June 25, 2019
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, Sally Gaitan, Albert J. Hayes, Jacqueline Martinez, Richard Moore, Larry Oblea, Laurie Rios,

Absent: Francis Carbajal, Gabriel Jiménez

City Council Liaison: Mayor Pro Tem William K. Rounds

Staff: Maricela Balderas, Director of Community Services (Excused)
Ed Ramirez, Family & Human Services Manager/Executive Secretary
Maritza Sosa-Nieves, Management Assistant II
Aimée Matsumoto, Program Assistant
Andrew Gonzales, Planning
Claudia Jiménez, Planning

Guest: Ellie Lee, Co-Founder of Equitable Vitrines
Matt Connelly, Co-Founder of Equitable Vitrines

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS –

- NONE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

A motion was made by Sally Gaitan and seconded by Albert J. Hayes to approve the minutes of May 28, 2019, as amended. The motion was carried unanimously.

SECTION 5 “COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT”, SENTENCE 8, AMEND TO READ:

“Ms. Carbajal expressed her concerns on the poor repair of potholes that returned after the last rain located on the streets of Norwalk Blvd. and Pioneer Blvd. Mr. Rounds shared he felt that it wasn’t the poor repair of the potholes, rather it may be due to the low-grade materials used.”

SECTION 8 “EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT”, ITEM A, SENTENCE 3, AMEND TO READ:

“Ms. Carbajal suggested that the Hot Dog and a Stick should receive a refund given they were shut down and not allowed to continue sales during the event.”

SECTION 9 “DRAFT ART SHOWCASE GUIDELINES (HANDOUT)”, ITEM B, SENTENCE 3, AMEND TO READ:

“Ms. Baker suggested that the application should be processed digitally.”

SECTION 9 “COMMEMORATIVE HAPP CALENDAR”, ITEM C, SENTENCE 2, AMEND TO READ:

“Ms. Baker suggested that a commemorative calendar be made at the 10th year of the Art Festival.”

5. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT –

Mayor Pro Tem Rounds provided the committee an update that City Council will approve the budget and a five-year extension to the City Manager’s contract. Mr. Rounds reported to the committee that the budget stands balanced with a significant surplus.

Mr. Rounds provided the committee an update that the Florence Avenue Bridge remains delayed until February or March.

Mr. Rounds provided the committee an update that Caltrans has no intention of selling their property located on the old Prices Market. Caltrans wants to hold that land for the future expansion of the 605 Freeway, the I-5 North freeway and establish a maintenance yard in that location. With the support of other cities and the chairman that sit on the Consortium Board, the City Council expressed a strong opposition to the Caltrans’ plans. If the City of Santa Fe Springs obtains a portion of the land, the City plans to send out a Request for Proposal.

Mr. Rounds encouraged the members of the committee to join and attend the concert at Heritage Park on Friday.

Mr. Rounds shared with the committee that Ivan Sulik presented a check to the City Council for \$150,000 given by Supervisor Janice Hahn for park improvements. The City will obtain an additional \$150,000 in the next year.

Mr. Rounds shared with the committee that Majority Leader Ian Calderon was able to get over \$1,000,000 to be distributed between the City of El Monte and the City of Santa Fe Springs. Mr. Rounds informed the committee that the portion of the monies given to the City of Santa Fe Springs has yet to be determined.

Mr. Rounds provided the committee an update that the City is working with State Senator Bob Archuleta on securing funds from the state for a homeless shelter.

6. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT –
NONE

7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT –
Claudia Jimenez and Andrew Gonzales updated the committee that the Planning Department attended the new restaurant Hironori Craft Ramen; they gave the committee a positive review of the restaurant. Planet Fitness is still working on the signage and tenant improvements. Ms. Jimenez informed the committee that the Le Chef Bakery is in the final stages of construction. Ms. Jimenez also reported that the Planning Department is looking to find a retailer to lease out the Rite Aid vacancy. Lastly, she informed the committee that the Planning Department is projected to generate a surplus of earnings in July.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT –
Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Financial Report – April 2019*** – Mr. Ramirez provided an overview of the FY 2018/2019 Financial Report for the periods ending May 2019. Copies were distributed to members for their review. Balance: \$1.4 million.

A motion was made by Albert J. Hayes and seconded by Debbie Baker to approve the FY 2018/2019 Financial Report for the periods ending May 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS –

a. **HAPP Website Update** –

Mr. Ramirez and Ms. Sosa Nieves provided the committee with a report that the HAPP Subsite is now live. The subsite includes the committee members, developers guide, an art directory, programs, an image gallery, volunteer information, donation information, and the current art grants. Ms. Sosa Nieves will be working with IT to display the main icon for the Heritage Arts' subsite on the City's Website. Mr. Ramirez will be working with Art consultant Sandra Hahn to link information for the Art Fest to the HAPP subsite. Ms. Sosa Nieves expressed to the committee that she wants the City to have full access to Sandra Hahn's SFS Art Fest social media account, take the lead in following up with artists, and the primary promoter of the Art Fest. Ms. Sosa Nieves encouraged the members of the committee to give additional feedback on the subsite.

Ms. Baker suggested to include the City's tax ID number into the HAPP subsite.

Ms. Jimenez suggested that the Planning Department could share their art photo submissions on the HAPP subsite.

Mr. Ramirez presented the SFS Art Fest video recap to the committee that was posted on the HAPP subsite.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m. Chairman Laurie Rios resumed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

b. ***Draft Art Showcase Lobby Exhibit Guidelines –***

Mr. Ramirez provided the committee with an update on the draft art showcase lobby exhibit guidelines. A motion was made by Larry Oblea and seconded by Debbie Baker to approve the Draft Art Showcase Lobby Exhibit Guidelines. The motion was carried unanimously.

c. ***Clarke Estate Pool Art Pieces –***

Mr. Ramirez shared with the committee that he is in contact with two companies called Restoration Art Tech and Smith Art Conservation to determine if the pool art pieces are reparable and costs associated with the repairs.

d. ***Construction Worker Art Piece Update –***

Mr. Ramirez, Ms. Balderas, and City Manager Raymond Cruz met with the management group Colliers International that oversees the property of Kiewit to discuss a resolution of the stolen Construction Worker Art Piece. During the meeting, two options were discussed to include a deaccession of the art piece with a good faith donation of \$20,000 or for the artist Raymond Persinger to reproduce the art piece. The management group Colliers International notified Mr. Ramirez that the cost to reproduce the piece with Mr. Persinger has increased by \$10,000, totally approximately \$60,000 Mr. Ramirez informed the committee that a representative of Colliers International spoke to the members of Kiewit and a decision regarding this matter has not been made. Mr. Ramirez will follow up with a letter to ensure that the members of Kiewit will take care of this ongoing issue.

e. ***Santa Fe Springs Oranges Mural Box Car Repair –***

Mr. Ramirez reported that he is working with the Public Works Department to determine the cost to restore the boxcar. Mr. Ramirez also stated that Mayor Pro-Tem Rounds discussed this matter with City Manager Raymond Cruz and Mayor Trujillo.

Ms. Rios distributed to the committee a document that includes previous comments made from the committee regarding to the Snake Basket, the boxcar, the train, and the Orange Harvest art piece. Ms. Rios suggested to the committee that the matter of these art pieces must be prioritized before moving on to restoring other art pieces.

The committee provided feedback with a course of action concerning the matter of the Santa Fe Springs Oranges Mural and the boxcar. Mr. Hayes suggested that if the oranges mural gets repainted, several clear coats on the paint and an overhang above the mural should be applied to increase the longevity of the art piece. Mr. Oblea suggested that Trex wood could be installed on the mural side of the box car to prevent deterioration. Ms. Baker also suggested that before and after pictures

could be captured to commemorate the Santa Fe Springs Oranges Mural. Mr. Ramirez will follow up on obtaining the pictures of the Santa Fe Springs Oranges Mural.

Mr. Ramirez reported that he is working with the Library Director Joyce Ryan to address the refurbishment of the Caboose and the train. Ms. Baker suggested that Mr. Ramirez contact Rich Casford in regards to the train restoration matter.

10. NEW BUSINESS –

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

a. **Field Trip** –

Mr. Moore will provide Mr. Ramirez with more information on the bronze foundry. At this time, the field trip is postponed until the later part of the year.

b. **Art Education Grants** –

Ms. Sosa Nieves and Aimee Matsumoto distributed to the members the Art Education Grant binders containing the FY 2018/19 final reports and FY 2019/2020 new applications for their review. The final awards will be determined at the meeting of July 30, 2018. Any questions may be directed to Maritza Sosa-Nieves.

11. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT –

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

a. *Upcoming Community Service Events* –

1) Back to School Backpack Program

Last day for donation: July 19, 2019 at Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center.

2) Arts and Crafts Camp –

Session 1: July 22 thru July 27, 2019 at Heritage Park.

Session 2: July 29 thru August 2, 2019 at Heritage Park.

3) Independence Day Celebration – Tuesday, July 3, 2019 at Los Nietos Park.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1) Review and Approval of Art Education Grant application for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

2) Snake Basket Fountain

3) 2019 Art Fest Financial Report

4) Margaret Hammon Consultant Report

5) New deadlines for the art grant application

13. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Ms. Rios thanked the Chamber of Commerce for recognizing the Collector's Night in their article.

Mr. Hayes thanked Ms. Baker for assisting with the drafting of the art showcase lobby exhibit guidelines.

Ms. Baker thanked everyone who helped with the planning, organizing, and executing of the Destiny Dinner Event.

Mr. Moore thanked Mr. Ramirez for the discussion of the boxcar.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rios adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 9 a.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Room No. 1.

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Administrative Clerk II



Ed Ramirez,
Executive Secretary