



HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center  
Meeting Room No. 1  
Meeting of Tuesday, September 24, 2019  
9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Laurie Rios called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

*Members Present:* Debbie Baker, Francis Carbajal, Sally Gaitan, Gabriel Jimenez, Jacqueline Martinez, Richard Moore, Larry Oblea, Laurie Rios

*Absent:* Albert J. Hayes

*City Council Liaison:* Mayor Pro Tem, William K. Rounds

*Staff:* Maricela Balderas, Director of Community Services (Excused)  
Joyce Ryan, Library Services Division Manager/Executive Secretary  
Aimee Matsumoto, Program Assistant

*Guest:* NONE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Debbie Baker and seconded by Francis Carbajal to approve the minutes of July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem, William K. Rounds, provided the committee a report that the Fiestas Patrias event was a tremendous success that brought in approximately 1,500 to 2,000 participants.

Mr. Rounds encouraged members of the HAAC Committee to come to the Relay for Life event located at Lake Center Athletic Park on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Rounds reported that the I-5 Freeway grand opening of South bound lanes will be on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Rounds also reported that the construction of the Valley View Bridge has been delayed; however, an extra lane will be opened on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The city is expecting a 90-hour shutdown on the bridge from Alondra to Rosecrans.

Mr. Rounds informed the committee that the City is looking to fill vacant top-level positions and updated the committee that the City of Santa Fe Springs will be getting a second code enforcement agent.

Mr. Rounds reported that the City is having compliance issues with the old "Rim Ram" site. He informed the committee that the Planning Department will be in contact with the property owners until the issues are resolved.

Mr. Rounds updated the committee that an agenda item in the next City Council meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> will have a recommendation from the CIP to pave Los Nietos Road. Mr. Rounds also reported that the Gas Company finally approved the pavement process over the gas line in Santa Fe Springs Road. The gas line will be relocated into the middle of the street, which will take about 12 months to finish.

Lastly, Mr. Rounds reported that the City has approximately \$80 million in deferred street repairs.

6. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT  
NONE

7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

Senior Planner, Cuong Nguyen, provided the report that the City of Santa Fe Springs is selected to participate in the Association of Government's Disadvantaged Communities (SCAG). The plan will develop and prioritize all things human-powered such as bicycle lanes and pedestrian projects. The implementation of the plan will take 18 months to complete. There will be a total of four outreach events. Aimee Matsumoto reported that the next outreach event will be at the upcoming Halloween Carnival.

Richard Moore stated a concern that he does not want a car lane to be transformed into a bike lane. Mr. Nguyen informed the committee that the City will be analyzing techniques used in other cities, which may reduce the size of a car lane, however, the city will focus on plans that will provide better safety to cyclists and pedestrians.

Ms. Carbajal raised concern in regards to the homeless encampment located in the back of the building that belongs to Planet Fitness. Mr. Nguyen will be working with Planet Fitness to create signage that will help mitigate the homeless encampments.

Cuong Nguyen informed the committee that the Planning Department collected \$140,000 in art fees in July and August.

## 8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Executive Secretary, Joyce Ryan reported on the following:

- a. **Financial Report – Amended June 2019\*** – Ms. Ryan provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Financial Report for the periods ending June 2019. Copies were distributed to members for their review. Balance: \$1.5 million.

A motion was made by Francis Carbajal and seconded by Richard Moore to approve the FY 2018/2019 Financial Report for the periods ending on June 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.

- b. **Financial Report – July & August 2019\*** – Ms. Ryan provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Financial Report for the periods ending in July and August 2019. Copies were distributed to members for their review. Balance: \$1.5 million.

A motion was made by Francis Carbajal and seconded by Richard Moore to approve the FY 2019/2020 Financial Report for the periods ending on in July and August 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Margaret Hammon Report** –

Executive Secretary, Joyce Ryan, informed the committee that she will be meeting with Ms. Hammon this week. Ms. Ryan reported that the bandwheel will need fumigation. She also informed the committee that the Crane Company is bidding the city for \$5,000 to prepare the “Orange Harvest” art piece to be moved, but, that cost does not include the transportation of the art piece to the Hathaway Ranch Museum. Ms. Ryan will gather the rest of the costs at the next HAAC meeting. Ms. Baker would like the “Orange Harvest” to be deaccessioned before transporting it to the Hathaway Ranch Museum. Ms. Ryan will follow up with Ivy to start the deaccession process.

Ms. Ryan provided the committee with a report that she has a new contact from the company Kiewit. In the past, the committee asked the property owners of Kiewit to give the City a good faith payment for the stolen art piece “Construction Worker;” however, the contact from Kiewit has not received an answer from the property owners. Ms. Ryan will be following up with the results at the next HAAC meeting.

Ms. Ryan reported that Noe Negrete will be meeting with the CIP committee concerning the Snake Basket Fountain. Mr. Negrete will be planning to attend the October HAAC meeting and provide an update in regards to this matter.

Ms. Ryan informed the committee that the repairs for the boxcar and the mural at

Heritage Park are on hold and she will update the committee at the next HAAC meeting with her findings.

b. ***Clarke Estate Pool Art Pieces – Galaxy & Glide***

Joyce Ryan reported that the “Galaxy & Glide” art piece has been relocated from the Clarke Estate pool to the utility shed at the Clarke Estate. Ms. Ryan has reached out to several art restoration agencies. Only one agency provided Ms. Ryan with a cost that amounted to \$11,245. Ms. Ryan sought advice from the committee on whether to approve the offer or search for other bids. Before commencing the restoration process, the committee will determine a location to showcase the art piece and search for alternative bids. The committee also suggested Ms. Ryan research chrome-wrapping costs for the art piece.

c. ***Draft Art Showcase Guidelines***

Joyce Ryan reported to the committee that there were concerns regarding using the lobby at City Hall as an art exhibit space; however, the committee informed Ms. Ryan that the City Council has passed this proposition. Ms. Ryan will follow up with more details at the next HAAC meeting.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Executive Secretary, Joyce Ryan, reported on the following:

a. ***Proposal for 2020 Art Fest Consultant, Sandra Hahn – Committee Feedback***

A motion was made by Francis Carbajal and seconded by Richard Moore to approve the \$50,000 contract for 2020 Art Fest Consultant, Sandra Hahn. The motion was carried unanimously.

b. ***Committee Feedback Regarding Restoration of the Springstar Art Piece***

Joyce Ryan reported that the “Springstar” art piece was allegedly damaged by a car. Ms. Ryan sought advice from the committee on whether they would like to add the “Springstar” art piece to Ms. Hammon’s contract.

A motion was made by Debbie Baker and seconded by Larry Oblea to amend Maragett Hammon’s contract to add the “Springstar” art piece. The motion was carried unanimously.

11. **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

Executive Secretary, Joyce Ryan reported on the following:

a. ***Upcoming Community Service Events***

- 1) Walk to School Day – October 2, 2019 at Heritage Park.
- 2) Star Wars Reads Day – October 5, 2019 at the Santa Fe Springs City Library

- 3) Lantern Tour – October 11, 2019 at Heritage Park
- 4) Flu Vaccine – October 17, 2019 at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
- 5) Día De Los Muertos– October 19, 2019 at Heritage Park
- 6) Gothic Tea – October 27, 2019 at the Santa Fe Springs Library

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Art Grant Guidelines (January 2020 Agenda)
- 2) Snake Fountain

13. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debbie Baker informed the Committee that a “Grand Central Market” type of business will be constructed within the Nixon building in Uptown Whittier.

Sally Gaitan encouraged the members of the HAAC Committee to join the Historical Committee at the Lantern Tour on October 11.

Joyce Ryan updated the committee that the City Clerk, Janet Martinez, has clarified that a committee member missing a special meeting will be considered an official absence.

Joyce Ryan informed the committee that she has received a thank you letter from St. Paul High School in regards to the Art Grant they received. Ms. Ryan read the letter to the HAAC committee members.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rios adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

*Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at 9 a.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Room No. 1.*

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Joyce Ryan,  
Executive Secretary