



HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
Meeting Room No. 1
Meeting of Tuesday, July 30, 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, Jacqueline Martinez, Richard Moore, Larry Oblea, Laurie Rios, Francis Carbajal, Gabriel Jiménez

Absent: Albert J. Hayes

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
Aimee Matsumoto, Program Assistant

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 Debbie Baker to approve the minutes of June 25th, 2019, as amended. The motion was carried unanimously

SECTION 14 “ADJOURNMENT”, SENTENCE 1, AMEND TO READ:

“Tuesday, July 30th, 2019, at 9 a.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Room No. 1”

5. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

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

Mr. Rounds reported that the Santa Fe Springs road is undergoing paving. Mr. Rounds stated that the road will be completed in the next few weeks. He also reported that Painter Avenue and Carmenita Road will begin the repaving process soon. Lastly, Mr. Rounds provided a report that Los Nietos Road is on the list to get paved as well; however, the city is delaying this project due to high cost of the project. Francis Carbajal provided a report to the committee that the estimated cost to repair the pavement at Los Nietos Road is \$5 Million.

Mr. Rounds reported that once the Batch plant is gone, the construction for Sonic Burger will commence.

Mr. Rounds reported that the Florence Avenue Bridge will be on track to finish construction in February 2020.

Mr. Rounds informed the committee regarding the malfunction of the firework show that took place during the Independence Day Celebration.

Mr. Rounds reported that the Big Lots location will be turned into a Planet Fitness. He also provided an update regarding the Gold Line which is to be constructed on Washington Blvd; the Big Lots area will be leveled.

Ms. Carbajal raised the issue regarding the homeless encampment on the streets of Norwalk and Washington Blvd near Big Lots. Mr. Rounds informed the committee that he will follow-up on this matter.

Mr. Rounds reported that Debbie Scoggins passed away and encouraged the members of the HAAC Committee to attend the memorial at Town Center Hall.

6. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT
NONE

7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT
NONE

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

- a. **Financial Report – June 2019*** – Mr. Ramirez provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 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 Debbie Baker and seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the FY 2018/2019 Financial Report for the periods ending May 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.

- b. ***Nomination and Election of Officers Fiscal Year 2019/2020***– Members conducted nominations and election of Committee officers for the positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 by ballot vote with the following results:

Chairperson – **Laurie Rios, accepted**; Larry Oblea, declined; **Francis Carbajal, accepted**. Debbie Baker: declined. Richard Moore: declined. The Committee elected Laurie Rios as Chairperson for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 by ballot vote.

Vice-Chairperson – **Francis Carbajal, accepted**; Albert J. Hayes (nominated/not present); Debbie Baker: Declined. **Laurie Rios: Accepted. Sally Gaitan accepted**. The Committee elected Francis Carbajal as Vice-Chairperson for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 by ballot vote.

- c. **2019 Art Fest Financial Report**

Mr. Ramirez provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 18/19 Art Fest Financial Report and a copy of the annual informational document was distributed to the members for their review. The total cost for the 2019 Art Fest was \$117,062.30. Mr. Ramirez also shared with the committee that the S&P sponsorship check bounced and he was working on resolving the issue.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- a. ***Margaret Hammon Report*** –

Maritza Sosa-Nieves reminded the committee that they do not need to approve Margaret Hammon’s invoices because the committee has already approved Margaret Hammon’s contract agreement.

Ms. Sosa-Nieves reported to the committee regarding the Orange Harvest art piece that Margaret Hammon has been working on. Ed Ramirez had a meeting with Francine Rippy, a crane company, and a volunteer from the Hathaway Ranch & Oil Museum. Ms. Rippy expressed an interest in moving the Orange Harvest to the Hathaway Ranch & Oil Museum. Mr. Ramirez stated that relocating the art piece with a crane could deface the art piece due to the contour positioning of the concrete slab. Mr. Ramirez will be working with the Public Works Department to determine the weight of the convex slab below the Orange Harvest. Mr. Ramirez sought feedback from the committee whether to de-access the art piece; therefore, removing it from the HAAC Art Catalog or relocating the Orange Harvest Mural to the Hathaway Ranch & Oil Museum; the committee had already agreed at a previous meeting to recommend to the council to de-access the Orange Harvest. Mr. Ramirez will determine the cost to de-access the Orange Harvest, who will be responsible for the cost, and the feasibility of relocating the art piece. This information will be brought to the next HAAC meeting.

Ms. Baker suggested to the committee that Margaret Hammon should focus her attention on the Springstar art piece. Ms. Sosa-Nieves reported that a new agreement must be revised in order for Margaret Hammon to move forward with the refurbishing of the Springstar art piece.

b. **Box Car Report**

Mr. Ramirez provided a report on the Box Car. He met with Public Works and conducted a walk-through of the train depot that houses the boxcar. Ms. Rios raised concerns regarding the nails protruding from the pumper car cart. Mr. Ramirez will provide the committee with an update on viable options to repair the box car, the train, and the caboose at a future HAAC meeting.

Chairman Laurie Rios recessed the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman Laurie Rios reconvened the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Maritza Sosa-Nieves reported on the following:

a. ***Review and Approval of FY 2019/2020 Art Education Grant Applications***

Members reviewed a total of 26 applications for the HAAP Art Education Grant Application proposals for fiscal year 2019/2020 totaling \$50,905.55.

The committee unanimously approved 26 applications and recommended to the City Council to award the total sum of \$40,331.43 for the HAAP Art Education Grant Funds FY 2019/2020 program. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

a. *Upcoming Community Service Events*

- 1) Dia Los Muertos Event – October 19, 2019 at Heritage Park.
- 2) Fiestas Patrias – September 13, 2019 at Town Center Plaza.
- 3) Final movie summer series- August 2, 2019 at Heritage Park.

12. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1) Bronze Foundry Field Trip
- 2) Springstar Art Piece
- 3) Clarke Estate Pool Art Pieces
- 4) Snake Basket Fountain
- 5) 2020 Art Fest Consultant Agreement
- 6) Orange Harvest and Box car

13. **MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

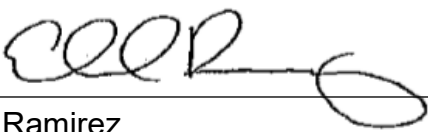
Ms. Sosa-Nieves reported that her last HAAC meeting will be on August 27, 2019 due to her upcoming maternity leave. In her absence, Aimee Matsumoto will be filling in for Ms. Sosa-Nieves regarding any matters related to the HAAC Committee.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rios adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at 9 a.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Room No. 1.

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Administrative Assistant II



Ed Ramirez,
Executive Secretary