



HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
Meeting Room No. 1
Meeting of Tuesday, February 25, 2020
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, Richard Moore, Larry Oblea, Laurie Rios

Absent: Eileen Ridge

City Council Liaison: William K. Rounds, Mayor

Staff: Maricela Balderas, Director of Community Services
Maritza Sosa-Nieves, Management Analyst II
Joyce Ryan, Library Services Division Director /Executive Secretary
Kevin Perriman, Municipal Services Manager
Cuong Nguyen, Senior Planner

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Francis Carbajal and seconded by Debbie Baker to approve the minutes of January 28, 2020. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor William K. Rounds updated the committee that the Promenade Shopping Center on Telegraph Road has been sold. Mr. Rounds will be scheduling a meeting with staff and a subcommittee to understand and discuss the new owner's plans for the shopping center. Mr. Rounds also agreed to bring up the concerns discussed by the HAAC Members regarding security to this meeting.

Mayor Rounds informed the committee that a \$2.5 million grant was allocated to the city from State Assembly Majority Leader Ian Calderon. The grant identified four parks that had projects. One of the projects includes the repairing of the Box Car. Mr. Rounds updated the committee that all the projects are scheduled to be finished by October 2020.

Mr. Rounds informed that it will be *National Read Across America Day* and the theme is Dr. Seuss. In observance of this day, he will be reading to several classrooms throughout the week.

Mr. Rounds reported that the City donated vacant land to the Santa Fe Springs/Norwalk Metrolink station. The donated land will create an additional 122 parking spaces for the train Metrolink station.

Mr. Rounds updated the committee that the I-5 Florence Avenue Bridge will be completed as scheduled by June 2020. He also informed the committee that the Valley View Bridge is scheduled to be completed in 2022.

Mr. Rounds gave an update that Caltrans agreed to let the city buy a portion of the property located on Florence Ave.; however, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano will try to help the city buy all of the property. Mr. Rounds is going to discuss this possibility with City Manager Ray Cruz. Mayor Rounds expressed that he would like to see additional homes and a parkette built on that property.

Mr. Rounds will report on the hotel's developmental plans located on Norwalk Blvd and Telegraph Road in the next meeting. At the moment, there have been no updates. He will meet with the hotel subcommittee to determine the current status of the hotel plans.

Lastly, Mayor Rounds stated to the committee that the city is currently working on a billboard ordinance. The city can own only up to three or four of them; however, a deal cannot be negotiated until an ordinance is created. Senior Planner Cuong Nguyen stated that there will be a billboard subcommittee meeting to discuss the ordinance.

6. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Municipal Services Manager Kevin Perriman updated the committee that the Public Works staff anticipates completing the reconstruction of the Windmill by the end of February. Afterwards, the windmill will be transported over to Heritage Park and re-installed. Staff estimates the work to be completed by mid- to late-March 2020.

Mr. Perriman also informed the committee that the Fossil Fountain has experienced several leaks over the past four to six months. In that period, staff has investigated, found and repaired at least three major leaks. Recently, a fourth was investigated, found and repaired.

Once Mr. Perriman is brought up to date, he will have an update in regards to the rehabilitation of the Snake Basket Fountain and the lining of the pond in Heritage Park by the next HAAC Meeting.

7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

Senior Planner Cuong Nguyen gave a presentation to the committee regarding the 2020 Census. Census Day is April 1, 2020.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Executive Secretary, Joyce Ryan reported on the following:

- a. **January 2020**– Ms. Ryan provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Financial Report for the periods ending on January 2020. Copies were distributed to members for their review. Balance: \$1.59 million.

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

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Orange Harvest**

Ms. Ryan updated the committee that Francine Rippy was sent a letter that confirmed the approval by the City Council to deaccession The Orange Harvest art piece and to assist with costs for its removal by a professional art remover not to exceed \$3,500. Ms. Rippy is trying to receive funding from her board to cover the balance. Ms. Ryan will have further updates at a subsequent meeting.

b. **Band Wheel Restoration Update**

Ms. Ryan updated the committee that Ms. Hammon will move forward with scheduling work on the Band Wheel to eradicate termites and consolidating the damaged wood to help retain its structural integrity. Ms. Ryan expressed high hopes that this portion of the restoration process will be finished by the next HAAC meeting.

Furthermore, Ms. Ryan will try to obtain quotes from Silverlake Conservation LCC in the additional areas of restoration such as the wood, the tiles, and canvas wrap. The quotes from Silverlake Conversation will be reported by Ms. Ryan at a subsequent meeting.

c. **Art Grant Guidelines and Application**

Ms. Sosa-Nieves passed out copies of the revised art grant guidelines and application. Ms. Sosa-Nieves reviewed the changes with the committee. She also informed the committee that no changes were made in the art grant application.

A motion was made by Francis Carbajal and seconded by Sally Gaitan to approve the revised Art Grant Guidelines. The motion was carried unanimously

10. NEW BUSINESS

Executive Secretary, Joyce Ryan distributed to the committee a handout of ordinances No.1111, No.1112, and No. 9661. She informed the committee that the City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance 1112 which amended the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee membership and adopted Resolution No. 9661 which related to the establishment of and rules for City committees on February 13, 2020. These changes include the following:

- Appointment to City committees is limited to residents or those with a business interest in the City.
- The nine voting members of the Heritage Arts Advisory will be City Council appointees (5), Planning Commission liaison (1), Chamber of Commerce liaison (1), Beautification and Historical Committee liaison (1), and a Family & Human Services Committee liaison (1).
- The formation of a new Beautification and Historical Committee, merging those two committees.
- If a member is absent for three meetings in a calendar year or three meetings in a row, their seat will be vacated. The individual can re-apply for the committee after six months.
- City Council liaisons will still attend meetings and give a report.

Ms. Ryan informed the HAAC members that the new B & H committee meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on March 25th, 2020 at Town Center Hall. Ms. Ryan will confirm the location of the meeting and inform all the members in an email. She also updated the committee that all 20 members from both committees (regardless of where they live) were approved by the City Council to populate this committee until re-appointment in January 2021. Ms. Ryan reported that the first items of the B & H Committee agenda include the name of the committee, the general consensus of a time to meet, and an election of officers. Mr. Rounds informed the HAAC members that there will also be a Liaison from the Family and Human Services Committee.

11. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

a. *Upcoming Community Service Events*

- 1) VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) – February 2nd to April 15th, 2020 in the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
- 2) First Friday – March 6th at 7 p.m. in the City Library
- 3) Prom Project – March 26th at 3:00 p.m. in the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
- 4) Art Walk – March 28th at 10:00 a.m. in Heritage Park
- 5) Fun Run – April 4th at 7 a.m. in the Town Center Plaza

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Kiewit Construction Worker Review
- 2) Snake Basket Fountain
- 3) Pond Lining at Heritage Park
- 4) Review Art Piece List

13. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Ryan reported that a bronze commemorative plaque was stolen from Founders Plaza on Mora Drive.
- Ms. Rios thanked Ms. Ryan on her amazing First Friday event at the Library on February 7 at 7 p.m.
- Ms. Rios requested to have the GVNC donation items list distributed at the next HAAC meeting.
- Mr. Moore reported to the committee that the Penny Carnival event was covered by ABC News.
- Ms. Sosa-Nieves encouraged the members of the HAAC Committee to attend the SFHS Art and Fashion Show on Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. There were also 2 other preview times that day.


14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rios adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 9 a.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Room No. 1.



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Joyce Ryan,
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