



HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Virtual Meeting  
Meeting of Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Laurie Rios called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

*Members Present:* Debbie Baker, Francis Carbajal, Sally Gaitan,  
Gabriel Jimenez, William K. Rounds, Laurie Rios,  
Maria Salazar

*Absent:*

N/A

*City Council Liaison:*

Annette Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem

*Staff:* Joyce Ryan, Library Services Division  
Director/Executive Secretary

Ed Ramirez, Family and Human Services Division Manager

Aimee Matsumoto, Program Assistant

Cuong Nguyen, Senior Planner

Immanuel Caldonga, Administrative Assistant II

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sally Gaitan and seconded William K. Rounds to approve the minutes of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Annette Rodriguez informed the committee that the City had its first movie at the park event since the pandemic.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez also informed the members that the Options for

Learning bungalows were removed from the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center site. The Public Works department will clean up any remaining debris.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez notified the committee that the City is hosting its first in-person Independence Day event on July 3<sup>rd</sup> since the pandemic.

The City's plan to renovate the parks is under review;

Due to the City Hall parking renovation, interim parking for City Hall is at the Town Center Hall parking lot

Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez is working with IT to get the City Council meetings live-streamed and televised.

6. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT  
NONE

7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

Senior Planner, Cuong Nguyen provided a brief update of the General Plan. The General Plan will be completed in 6 months. Mr. Nguyen gave the following list of notable items that were recently completed:

- Draft EIR is nearing completion.
- Draft goals and policies are in the process of being finalized. They will eventually be incorporated into the various General Plan elements.
- The City Council approved an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with MIG, to add a sub-consultant for the preparation of an Economic Development Element.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> General Plan Advisory Group (GPAG) meeting was held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The topic of discussion was Economic Development and NDG provided a brief presentation to the group.

Also, Mr. Nguyen reported that the City Council authorized the Director of Planning to release an RFP for the preparation of a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Methodology to evaluate transportation impact consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). He stated that the deadline for firms to submit an RFP is July 5, 2021 at 5:00pm.

Lastly, Mr. Nguyen reported that the City recently hired an engineering firm to prepare a parcel map to carve out approximately 2-acres from an existing 5-acre parcel, currently owned by the City and located on the southwest corner of Telegraph Road and Norwalk Boulevard, east of Geezers restaurant. He stated that the 2-acre parcel is the future site of a development proposal that he hoped will be the stimulus for the creation of a "Downtown" Santa Fe Springs.

Ms. Baker inquired about any current plans to develop the hotel. Mr. Nguyen informed the committee that though the plans are approved, the hotel development is under litigation.

Mr. Jimenez asked if the city planned to develop the land on the chevron side of the property. Mr. Nguyen stated that there is no plan to develop that land at this time.

## 8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Executive Secretary, Joyce Ryan reported on the following:

### a) **Financial Report**

May 2021 – Ms. Ryan provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 financial report for the period of May 2021. Copies were distributed to members for their review. Balance: \$1.58 million.

A motion was made by Debbie Baker and seconded by Gabriel Jimenez to approve the FY 2020/2021 financial report for the period ending on May 2021. The motion was carried unanimously.

### b) **Rexford Industrial Artwork Application Update**

Executive Secretary Ryan updated the committee that the Planning Department received a Developer Application for the Heritage Artwork in Public Places Program from Rexford Industrial. Planning Director Wayne Morrell and Ms. Ryan met with the project team and Lesly Elwood, Art Consultant. Mr. Morrell asked the group to come back with a plan and to present an Artist with qualifications and possible designs. Moving forward, Ed Ramirez will provide the committee with further updates.

### c) **Omni Plaque Installation Update**

Ms. Ryan informed the committee that in 2017, the art piece “Omni” was relocated to Soaring Dreams Plaza. Although a bronze plaque currently exists for this piece, it has not been installed due to potential ADA issues. She has reached out to Maribel Garcia, Senior Management Analyst, to verify this finding and will bring this topic back to a subsequent Heritage Arts Advisory Committee meeting.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- ***Art Education Grants for Fiscal Year 2021/22 Art Education Grant Program – Binder Distribution***

Executive Secretary Ryan reported that as of June 11, 2021, the HAAC has received 19 grant applications totaling \$36,069.32. The binders have been made and ready to be distributed. She encouraged the members to pick up the binders at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center and review them before the next HAAC meeting.

## 11. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

- *Upcoming Community Service Events – Joyce Ryan, Executive Secretary reported on the following:*

- 1) Summer Movie and Concert Series 2021:  
June 18<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>

- 2) Library Re-opening:  
Monday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- 3) Library Summer Reading:  
June 14<sup>th</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup> at Santa Fe Springs Library
- 4) Summer in Parks and Recreation  
Registration opens May 20<sup>th</sup>
- 5) Swim Lessons and Recreational Swimming  
Session 1: June 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup> (Tues/Thru)  
Session 2: July 6<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup> (Tue/Thru)  
Session 3: June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, and July 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat)
- 6) Wading Pools  
Open June 21<sup>st</sup>

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Art Grant Application Review
- Snake Basket Fountain Update
- Box Car Update

13. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Ryan informed the committee members that she is leaving Santa Fe Springs to take up the job as a Library and Community Services Director for National City.
- Ms. Baker thanked anyone that donated to the Chamber of Commerce’s No Gala fundraising event.
- The committee thanked Ms. Ryan for all her work and dedication towards the city.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Laurie Rios adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

*Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 9 a.m. via Zoom teleconference.*




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Approved by: Ed Ramirez,  
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