



HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Virtual Meeting
Meeting of Tuesday, March 30, 2021
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Laurie Rios called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

City Council Liaison:

Annette Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem

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

Maritza Sosa Nieves, Management Analyst II

Kevin Periman, Municipal Services Manager

Cuong Nguyen, Senior Planner

Immanuel Caldona, Administrative Assistant II

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by William K. Rounds and seconded by Francis Carbajal to approve the minutes of February 23rd, 2021. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Annette Rodriguez informed the committee that the "Options for Learning" program is moving from the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center to Los Nietos Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez also informed the members that a goal-setting meeting will be taking place soon. In this meeting, City Council will discuss any goals and improvements that the City will need going forward.

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) met with the owner of the Promenade, and they updated the City Council that the Bank of America will be vacating the area. Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez informed the committee that the EDC discussed possible stores or restaurants that will replace the bank.

She also updated the committee that the city gave 16 locals restaurants around \$15,000 to \$20,000 each in grants.

Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez is still working on the display banners and tall flags to promote the upcoming 500 graduates at Santa Fe Springs High school.

6. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Kevin Periman, Municipal Services Manager, gave a presentation which reviewed the CIP Budget, presented a list of future CIP projects and an image of the proposed Town Center Plaza parking lot improvements. Mr. Periman also informed the committee that the original Snake Basket Fountain had faulty mechanical problems and was extremely costly to repair. There will be a new design for a static art piece and RMA International will be providing landscape architectural conceptual renderings in a few months. Once received, Mr. Periman will provide that update at a subsequent HAAC meeting.

Mr. Rounds raised a concern on staffing and the project timelines; Mr. Periman addressed Mr. Round's issue by stating that consultants have been hired to do these projects and that the projects had been pushed back due to the global pandemic.

Lastly, the construction for the Town Center Plaza parking lot will begin Mid-May of 2021. The construction will last for four months.

7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

Cuong Nguyen, the Senior Planner, invited the committee to join the community virtual workshop called "Reimagine Santa Fe Springs" on Wednesday, March 31, 6 – 8 p.m. For the past year, the City has been working on its first comprehensive General Plan update in over 25 years. The General Plan represents the community's view of the future and serves as a blueprint for growth and development. The General Plan touches on many topic areas, including land use, transportation, housing, recreation, public safety, and economic development.

At the virtual workshop, City staff will provide information about where new housing might be built in the City. The forum will also provide residents the opportunity to share ideas and concerns regarding local conditions that may affect their health, such as access to parks, availability of health care services, truck traffic, and the interface between industrial businesses and neighborhoods.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Executive Secretary, Joyce Ryan reported on the following:

- a) February 2021 – Ms. Ryan provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Financial Reports for the periods of February 2021. Copies were distributed to members for their review. Balance: \$1.63 million.

A motion was made by Debbie Baker and seconded by William K. Rounds to approve the FY 2020/2021 Financial Reports for the periods ending on January 2021. The motion was carried unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- ***Band Wheel Restoration***

Joyce Ryan updated the committee that Silverlake Conservation started the restoration work on the tile and fabric in early March 2021. The tile has been fired up and ready to be installed into the Band Wheel. Ms. Ryan will present pictures of the installed tile at a subsequent HAAC Meeting.

- ***2021 Art Fest***

Ms. Ryan reported to the committee that staff are waiting to see whether the November date is still feasible and will be monitoring the revised public health order guidelines through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to gain a better understanding of the protocols involved.

Francis Carbajal, William K. Rounds, Debbie Baker, and Mayor Pro Tem Annette Rodriguez expressed a concern to the committee that it would be better to postpone the Art Fest to May 2022. The rest of the HAAC members agreed. Concerns were expressed regarding the feasibility of having two major events in one fiscal year, not only due to the expenditures but also the possible ramifications for sponsorships and vendors.

Ms. Ryan will bring this topic as an agenda item in the next HAAC meeting. A formal recommendation from the HAAC members needs to be made before moving forward with the postponement of the Art Fest. Once a recommendation has been made, it will be brought to City Council for their review and approval.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- ***Photos of Heritage Artwork in Public Places and Scavenger Hunt Activity***

Maritza Sosa Nieves, Management Analyst II, reported to the committee that Aimee Matsumoto, Program Assistant, and Immanuel Caldon, Administrative Assistant II, have begun taking and editing 100+ photos of the art pieces. Once completed, staff will place all of these pictures on the HAAP website and will begin featuring the different art pieces on the City's social media platforms.

Additionally, since the Art Walk and SFS Art Fest will not be taking place as originally planned, Ms. Sosa-Nieves informed the committee that the City will introduce a "scavenger hunt" in its place.

11. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

- *Upcoming Community Service Events – Joyce Ryan, Executive Secretary reported on the following:*
 - 1) Grab and Go Kits:
March 29th @ the City of Santa Fe Springs Library
 - 2) Virtual Nutrition Series:
March 10, 2021, through April 7, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. @ Zoom.
 - 3) Older Adult Virtual Bingo: Easter Special:
April 7, 2021 @ Zoom
 - 4) Bunny Brunch:
March 27th at 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. @ Zoom
 - 5) “Egg”stra Special Delivery:
March 31st @ Zoom
 - 6) Hop N’Go Drive Thru:
April 3rd @ Zoom
 - 7) Rockin’ Egg-venture
March 22nd – April 3rd @ Zoom

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

13. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Baker encouraged HAAC members to participate in the City of Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce fundraiser event. Information is located on their website at www.sfschamber.com
- Ms. Ryan reported that the City will look to replace the stolen plaques from several art pieces starting in May or June.
- Mr. Jiménez reported that in-person classes at the Little Lake School District K-8th grade will be opening up on April 12th.
- Ms. Sosa-Nieves reported that the Los Nietos School District voted to prohibit in-person classes till the end of this academic school year. She also informed the members that the school will be looking forward to opening in-person classes during the summer.
- Ms. Ryan thanked Ms. Rodriguez for giving the Women’s Club a \$500 donation.
- Ms. Carbajal encouraged members to join the Women’s Club.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rios adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 9 a.m. via Zoom teleconference.

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Approved by: Joyce Ryan,
Executive Secretary