



HISTORICAL & COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Via Zoom Teleconference
Meeting of Wednesday, February 23, 2022

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER- Gus Hernandez called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mary Arias, Sally Gaitan, AJ Hayes, Irma Huitron, Jeannette Lizarraga, Gloria Maghame, Mark Scoggins, Linda Vallejo, Hilda Zamora

Absent: Kay Gomez, Merrie Hathaway, Jacqueline Martinez, Guadalupe Plascencia, Annette Ramirez, Doris Yarwood, Elena Lopez

Staff: Gus Hernandez, Interim Executive Secretary

Guest: None

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- Nothing to report.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

A motion was made by Linda Vallejo and seconded by Mark Scoggins to amend the Minutes of September 23, 2020, to include the discussion of the Historic Committee video. The motion was carried, with Committee Member Huitron abstaining from the vote.

5. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Deputy City Clerk, Fernando Munoz, reported on the following:

The City's Clerk office has recommended removing this item from future agendas since the Mayor's, Liaison appointment, Councilmember Jay Sarno is not available to attend these meetings at this time. Until a new appointment is made, or any other council member becomes available to attend these meetings, the item will be taken off the agenda.

6. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Gus Hernandez reported on the following:

- **Review of Advisory Committee Bylaws**- A review of the Advisory Committee bylaws that were adopted in Ordinance NO.1111 and NO.1112 and Resolution numbers 9657 and 9651 were made. These bylaws repeal any previously adopted bylaws, and the following is a brief summary of them: Beginning in 2021,

appointments to commissions and committees shall be made in January. The term of service for any individual appointed to a commission or committee shall be two years, expiring at the end of December of 2022.

- The new bylaws removed excused absences, and there are no more than three absences allowed. If the member is absent three times, the member will resign and be eligible to reapply after six months. Additionally, no more than 15 minutes late to a meeting is allowed. If longer, a member will be considered absent.
- **Home Decorating Contest:** Given the uncertainty of meeting with the Advisory and Committees during the fall and winter months of 2021, the Parks and Recreation division took on the responsibility of judging the 2021 Home Decorating Contest. In all, there were 27 entries submitted to the City via the new online platform, and 12 were selected as winners. Yard signs were delivered to the winning homes, and Thank You letters were sent to all participants. Now that Advisory Committees have resumed, the Beautification and Historical Advisory Committee will resume the responsibility of judging this year's Home Decorating Contest. The planning process for this year's contest will begin sometime in September, and guidelines and parameters will be established sometime in October. This timeline allows for advertising to take place in November, and the winning home to be chosen in December.

7. OLD BUSINESS-

- **Selection of the Committee Name-** After a review of the listed names on the February 2022 Agenda, and a discussion the Committee took action. The first vote was for the name *Historical and Community Preservation Committee*, which was voted in by 8 members. The second suggested name was *Pride and Historical Preservation Committee*, which was voted in by 1 member. The committee was officially named the *Historical and Community Preservation Committee*.
- **Committee Priorities and Community Involvement-** The committee discussed priorities and involvement in community projects. The committee discussed various priorities and adopted the following priorities:
 - Home and Business Beautification Awards
 - Holiday Home Decorating Contest
 - Arbor Day Participation
 - Pioneer Living Day Historical Booth
 - Lantern Tour at Heritage Park
 - Historical video
 - Declaring Santa Fe Springs History Day
 - Community Cleanup(s)
 - Teach younger generation about preservation of community and recycling

8. NEW BUSINESS-

Nominations and Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Liaison to the Historical and Preservation Committee- Mr. Hernandez opened the floor for committee members to nominate candidates for Chairperson. AJ Hayes nominated Sally Gaitan. Sally Gaitan accepted the nomination. Linda Vallejo seconded the motion. Gloria Maghame nominated Hilda Zamora. Hilda Zamora declined the

nomination. Votes were taken, and Sally Gaitan was voted as the Historical and Community Preservation Chairperson for 2022-23.

Mr. Hernandez opened the floor for committee members to nominate candidates for Vice-Chairperson. Sally Gaitan nominated AJ Hayes. AJ Hayes accepted the nomination. Mark Scoggins seconded the motion. Votes were taken, and AJ Hayes was selected as the Historical and Community Preservation Vice-Chairperson for 2022-23.

Mr. Hernandez opened the floor for committee members to nominate candidates for the position of Liaison to the Historical Arts Advisory Committee. AJ Hayes nominated Hilda Zamora. Hilda Zamora accepted the nomination. Linda Vallejo seconded the motion. Votes were taken, and Hilda Zamora was selected as the Historical and Community Preservation Liaison to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee for 2022-23.

9. HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT –

Every 15 Minutes Program- Sally Gaitan reported that the Every 15 Minutes Program will be taking place at Santa Fe Springs High School on April 16 -17, 2022. It is a program that covers the dangers of driving under the influence, and encourages students not to drink and drive.

Fitness Center Grand Opening – The new Fitness Center located inside Los Nietos Park Activity Center, will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 10 a.m. Members are being asked to participate.

Quarter Mania – Quarter Mania will be held on March 13, 2022. Members that are interested in participating are advised to refer to the Women’s Club.

Art in Public Spaces – The Heritage Arts Committee is funding the sidecar for the train, and it is currently in the process of being painted. It is visible to anyone visiting Heritage Park. The Heritage Arts Committee is in the process of looking for an artist to recreate a mural on one of the boxcars as well. The original artist has passed away. Furthermore, a new company is moving into the city named Rexford Industries. Every time a new building is being created within the City, these companies have the option to pay a fee for an art piece to be placed there, or create their own City-approved art piece. The Heritage Arts Committee will also be sending out letters to existing businesses that have art pieces that need upkeep. The Heritage Arts Committee will be visiting these sites and giving businesses the option to fix or pay a fee to fix it.

Art Fest – Art Fest will be taking place on Friday, May 6, 2022, from the hours of 3p.m.to 9 p.m. The Committee is in the process of finishing up the details for this year’s events, and is looking into possible entrance fees for future years.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Create a Budget for the Historical Committee through fundraisers
- Monthly Calendar of Events and Priorities
- Suggestions for Future Fundraisers
- Continue to gather historical photos from the public

11. MEMBER COMMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

A request for members' personal phone numbers was made. However, City Clerk, Janet Martinez, shared that we cannot disclose personal phone numbers or emails because they are not considered public records. However, messages can be passed on through the Interim Secretary and City Clerk as long as they are in the purview of the advisory committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Interim Executive Secretary, Gus Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.