



**HISTORICAL & COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Town Center Hall
Meeting of Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER- Chairperson Sally Gaitan called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL
 - Present:* Sally Gaitan, Marina Gurrola, Gloria Maghame, Mary Arias, Hilda Zamora, Jeannette Lizarraga, Mark Scoggins
 - Absent:* Elena Lopez Bocca
 - Staff:* Deborah Raia, Executive Secretary
 - Guests:* Diana Marquez
3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- Nothing to report.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

A motion was made by Hilda Zamora and seconded by Gloria Maghame to approve the minutes of Wednesday, April 24, 2024. The motion was carried with 7 in favor and 0 against.
5. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – DEBORAH RAI

Library Updates- The library will receive twenty-five thousand dollars in grant funding from the CA State Library for the literacy program and fifteen thousand dollars for the ESL program. A Literacy Information Session will be held on May 30th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The library has also received a humanities grant that will provide funding for immigrant family-centered programming.
6. OLD BUSINESS

Carriage Barn - On June 12th, a Disaster Preparedness Specialist will visit Heritage Park to provide a free consultation and written assessment. The library hopes to receive guidance on opening the top floor for the exhibitions.
7. NEW BUSINESS-

Beautification Awards Program- After a quick review of the Beautification Award guidelines, committee members suggested removing the 5-year waiting period for a winner to be selected again. They also proposed that the Beautification Awards be a nomination-only program. Residents will be able to submit a photo of their homes or

nominate another home to be considered for the award. Members wanted to review the guidelines and vote on changes to the guidelines at the June meeting.

Lantern Tours - Lantern Tours has a date set for Friday, October 11th and a subcommittee will meet over the summer months to prepare for this event.

8. **HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HAAC) REPORT –**

2024 Art Fest was a successful event with an estimated six thousand people in attendance in comparison to the previous year which only had four thousand. The increase in attendance is said to be due to the new location that offered more space as well as parking. Sales numbers are going to be discussed during the next HAAC meeting on Thursday, May 28th. Furthermore, updates on the box car “Santa Fe Springs Oranges” mural are still being discussed by the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee and a new Tongva Tribe design will be placed on the traffic signal box Telegraph Rd. and Geary Ave.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Beautification Awards
- Transportation Dates
- Lantern Tours

10. **MEMBER COMMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

- Committee member Hilda Zamora suggested having the library present the flyers for immigrant family-centered programming to the Little Lake Family Resource Center.
- Members asked when the next tree giveaway at the GVNC will be held.
- Sally Gaitan suggested incorporating a First Aid tent at next year’s Art Fest as well as a large poster of the event map.
- Guest Diana Marquez was introduced to the committee from the Women’s Club and was also said to be the first-place winner from this year’s Art Fest.
- Guest Diana Marquez suggested having a sign installed for the Senior Living Facility at Fulton Wells since there is no current signage.
- Marina Gurrola asked who can be contacted in regards to cleaning and maintenance of the 605 freeway entrance and was informed of CalTrans.
- Members were invited to the Public Works Expo taking place May 23rd at Jersey Elementary.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Sally Gaitan adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Town Center Hall.