



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Hall Council Chambers

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

MINUTES

Chairperson Jimmy Mendoza called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - John Salgado

1. ROLL CALL

Attendance: Fred Earl, Miguel Estevez, Sally Gaitan, Albert Hayes, Richard Legarreta, Andrea Lopez, Jesse Mendoza, Jimmy Mendoza, Arcelia Miranda, Raul Miranda Jr., Janet Rock, John Salgado, Lynda Short, Luigi Trujillo

Absent: Sheila Archuleta, Ken Arnold, Jennie Carlos, Bernie Landin, Frank Leader, Angie Miranda, Brandy Ordway-Roach, Mark Scoggins

Staff: William Rounds, Council Liaison
Carole Joseph, Executive Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by John Salgado and seconded by Andrea Lopez to approve the Minutes of May 1, 2013. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

- Councilmember William Rounds thanked staff for a great concert at Heritage Park on Friday August 30, 2013. Mr. Rounds commented that the music from the Chico Band was fantastic and the event was very well attended. It was a perfect end to the City's summer concerts.
- In July the City Council approved the City's budget of \$55 million. Mr. Rounds shared that the City is looking a lot better than it has been in the last three to four years showing a little bit of a surplus in this year's budget.
- Councilmember Rounds announced that the City Council also approved a list of 21 Capital Improvement Projects. He mentioned that he would like to see some involvement and/or receive some input/suggestions from committee members on those projects related to the Parks & Recreation Division (i.e. Dog Park, Wading Pools, etc.)
- The new 99cent store had its grand opening on July 25, 2013, and it appears to be a great addition to the Promenade Shopping Center. Mr. Rounds said that he spoke to the property management for the shopping center and they confirmed that an Auto Zone store will also be moving in soon, and that they are still looking for additional businesses to bring in.

- In regards to the New Homes at the Villages on Telegraph Road, according to the planning department 60 homes have now been sold.
- General Elections will take place on Tuesday November 5, 2013, for the purpose of electing three members to council. Mr. Rounds also gave the committee a brief explanation on the oil production measure, (Measure “S”) which will also be on the ballot.

5. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT – CAROLE JOSEPH

Introduction of New Committee Member Albert Hayes – Carole Joseph introduced and welcomed new committee member Albert Hayes (AJ). Mr. Hayes shared a bit of information about himself and his history with the City of Santa Fe Springs. Ms. Joseph thanked Mr. Hayes for the information he provided and she commented that she thinks AJ will be a great addition to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Capital Improvement Projects for Parks and Recreation - Ms. Joseph gave the committee a brief breakdown/description of all CIP items that pertain to the Parks and Recreation Division. Such items include:

- Child Care Center playground at the GVNC.
- ADA compliance of Park Wading Pools and/or added Splash Pads.
- The construction of a new dog park in the city.
- Lakeview Park Restrooms.
- Floor replacement at the Activity Center.
- Exterior painting on a few City Buildings such as the Clarke Estate and the Activity Center.

Future of the Certified Farmers Market – Carole shared that she is currently working on trying to extend the Farmers Market year round and perhaps also once a month extend the hours to 7:00 p.m. in order to have live entertainment. Ms. Joseph added that if they do approve the extension it will be easier to get more vendors to commit to selling as well. She will keep the committee posted on the outcome.

Summer program at the Aquatic Center – The Aquatic Center will be closing on Friday September 6, 2013 for the summer. Ms. Joseph shared that the La Mirada staff was pleasant to work with and that they did a very nice job with running the pool for the city.

6. PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATE- JIMMY MENDOZA

The Committee reviewed the programs and projects.

- Online Class registration available to residents. Visit the Parks and Recreation office and activate an account before accessing online registration.
- Resident walk-in registration for Recreational Classes begins August 30, 2013
- Park fall hours go into effect on September 3, 2013
- Nonresident walk-in registration begins September 10, 2013
- Fiestas Patrias – Friday September 13, 2013 – Town Center Plaza – “Ay Chihuahua”
- Recreational classes begin September 16, 2013
- Relay for Life at Lake Center Athletic Park beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2013
- Youth Flag Football practices begin on September 25 or 26, 2013
- Tiny Tot classes begin October 7, 2013

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting on October 2, 2013

7. PROGRAM REVIEW- CAROLE JOSEPH

The Committee reviewed and discussed the programs.

- Nonresident walk in registration for Recreational Classes and Day Camp began June 11, 2013
- Summer Program began Monday, June 17, 2013
- Get Acquainted Potlucks – Friday, June 28, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. – All parks
- 4th of July Celebration – Thursday, July 4th at Los Nietos Park – Fireworks show began at 9:00 p.m. with “Chico” performing from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Summer Family Movie Nights –
 - Lakeview Park – Thursday, July 11, 2013 – “*Dr. Seuss the Lorax*”
 - Little Lake Park – Tuesday, July 30, 2013 – “*Here Comes the Boom*”
 - Heritage Park – Friday, August 9, 2013 – “*Madagascar 3*”
 - Clarke Estate – Friday, August 23, 2013 – “*Guilt Trip*”
 (All movies began at dusk... Approximately 8:00 p.m.)
- Summer Day Camp – Santa Fe Springs Park – June 17 – August 9, 2013
- Summer Concerts in the Park –
 - Santa Fe Springs Park – Friday, July 11, 2013 – “*The Answer*”
 - Los Nietos Park – Thursday, August 13, 2013 – “*Mariachi Bellas*”
 - Heritage Park – Friday, August 30, 2013 – “*Chico Band*”

Carole mentioned that it was overall a great summer!

8. OLD BUSINESS

Community Outreach Ad Hoc Committee – John Salgado informed the committee about a group called Ad Hoc Whittier which is funded by Kaiser Permanente to do community work to promote healthier lifestyles. He shared that he would like to see something similar develop in the City of Santa Fe Spring and that perhaps it could be something that we could partner up with the local Farmers Market. This item will be tabled until the next meeting at which time Mr. Salgado will bring more specific information for the committee regarding the group’s objectives and examples of the work to be done.

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Luigi Trujillo reported that today was only the first meeting and that they are trying to workout schedules to make sure they do not interfere with any school programs etc. Mr. Trujillo said he hopes to have more information to share with the committee at the next meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers – At this time the office of Chairperson was vacated and nominations were open to fill the position. A total of two nominations were made and accepted. Nominees were John Salgado and Jimmy Mendoza. Nomination forms were distributed to all committee members for them to submit their votes then collected. Carole Joseph tallied the votes. Total vote count was as follows:

- *John Salgado – 4 votes*
- *Jimmy Mendoza – 10 votes*

Carole Joseph congratulated Mr. Mendoza for another year as Chairperson.

At this time the office of Vice Chair was vacated and nominations were open to fill the position. Only one nomination was made. The nominee was Andrea Lopez. Ms. Lopez accepted the position and no further voting was necessary.

Super Committee Report – Mr. Hayes reported that the Super Committee is currently working on a code of conduct to present to members of all City Committees.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Community Outreach – John Salgado

Dog Park

Committee Participation in the GVNC Thanksgiving Basket Program and Neighborly Elf Program

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred Earl – Shared that all four of his children are in school now. The youngest started kindergarten and the oldest began his senior year in high school.

Miguel Estevez – Mentioned that he hosted a fundraiser for the young Santa Fe High School student who recently committed suicide. He raised about \$450.00. Mr. Estevez added that he had the honor of coaching the young man for Freshman Baseball and he was very happy to see the community come together for the candlelight vigil to honor the young man. R.I.P. Samuel Aguilar.

Sally Gaitan – Reminded committee members about the Relay for Life which will take place September 27-28, 2013. Ms. Gaitan encouraged committee members to come out and support this great event which benefits the American Cancer Society.

AJ Hayes - Reported that he is currently working on the 2014 Art Fest and he will be having more information for the committee soon.

Andrea Lopez – Thanked Carole for the great potluck that she organized for the Parks and Recreation Committee. Ms. Lopez added that she brought her granddaughter and they all had a very nice time.

Jesse Mendoza – Wished his brother Jimmy Mendoza a Happy Birthday!

Jimmy Mendoza – Thanked the committee for the nomination of Chairperson to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Arcelia Miranda – Announced that she was glad to be back and glad to see all fellow committee members once again. She also apologized for not attending the potluck; however, they had a family emergency.

Raul Miranda Jr. – Thanked the Mayor and the City of Santa Fe Springs for everything they have done for the Saints Youth Football Organization. He shared that they recently had Opening Day and the Mayor spoke very well during the ceremony.

Janet Rock – Informed the committee that there was a second suicide within 12 hours after the suicide of the young high school student Samuel Aguilar. Ms. Rock also shared her concern with the way the High School handled the situation asking all students not to talk about it. Mr. Estevez confirmed that the high school is currently offering counseling for students who felt they needed the services. He added that the entire baseball team was currently receiving counseling.

John Salgado – Announced a Scholarship Fundraiser which will take place on October 6, 2013. Tickets are \$50.00, anyone interested in purchasing tickets please see him.

Lynda Short - Shared that she recently lost a close friend, Mr. Manuel Aranda Sr. Mr. Aranda passed away from West Nile Virus two weeks ago. Councilmember Rounds conveyed that Mr. Aranda was actually recognized during the last Council Meeting and the meeting was closed in his honor.

Additionally, Ms. Short congratulated Jimmy, Andrea, and herself for having perfect attendance for all committee meetings last year. She also reminded Carole that she has less than 94 days before the Christmas float program starts.

Last but not least, Ms. Short asked committee members to please include her 14-year old Grandson Jonathan in their prayers as he is currently dealing with his father's recovery from brain surgery for a cancerous tumor.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jesse Mendoza, and seconded by Miguel Estevez to adjourn the meeting in memory/honor of Samuel Aguilar and Mr. Manuel Aranda. The motion was carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, October 2, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Joseph
Executive Secretary

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