



**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
9:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Janie Aguirre called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gilbert Aguirre, Nancy Kruger, Janie Aguirre, Dr. Linda Vallejo, Dolores Duran, Bonnie Fox, Hilda Zamora, Paul Nakamura, Yoko Nakamura, Astrid Shesterkin

Members Absent: Sally Gaitan, Josefina Lara, Elena Lopez

Staff: Jose Carrillo, Community Services Supervisor/Executive Secretary
Ed Ramirez, Family and Human Services Manager

Guests: John M. Mora, Councilmember

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Astrid Shesterkin

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Astrid Shesterkin and seconded by Bonnie Fox to approve the Minutes for the October 11, 2022 meeting.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – Councilmember Mora

Councilmember Mora provided a recap on the 2022 Relay for Life event at Lake Center Athletic Park on Saturday, September 24, 2022. The Relay for Life event began with a Survivor Luncheon at 11:00 a.m., followed by the opening ceremony at noon to kick off the start of the relay. This year's event was a huge success, and he was amazed by the tremendous outpour by city residents, departments, businesses, and other outside sponsors. Councilmember Mora also provided information on the SASSFA organization that is helping those in need; whether they need job assistance, food, or housing. Their resources are available to anyone. He also reported that The Whole Child has opened up a new location in the City of Downey as a fully operational center for all homeless individuals who need a place to shower, sleep and receive other assistance. The City of Santa Fe Springs will also open a new location focusing primarily on assisting homeless veterans in helping them transition out of homelessness; groundbreaking is set to begin in April 2023. ; The city welcomed six

new businesses, the demolition of the S&P Bar to make way for Chic-Fil-A, and the potential groundbreaking of SONIC Drive-In starting in February 2023. Councilmember Mora updated the committee about lane markers for the freeway lanes on the Florence Ave. bridge. Committee members asked Councilmember Mora questions, and a brief dialogue ensued.

Member Paul Nakamura inquired about AED training. Councilmember Mora reported that all facilities are equipped with an AED device, and staff is trained in the use of the machine.

Members Gilbert Aguirre and Janie Aguirre mentioned the Little Lake Park parking lot and playground and the lack of upkeep. Councilmember Mora reported that there had been discussions with the City of Norwalk and St. Pius about shared responsibilities for maintenance and funding.

Member Janie Aguirre asked for clarification regarding the new city business tax and its impact on residents and city programming. Councilmember Mora explained the tax in further detail.

7. PRESENTATIONS

The Social Security representative was unable to attend. However a computer lab presentation will be scheduled for a future date.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Executive Secretary Carrillo gave a brief report on the following items and encouraged the members to read the detailed report in the Committee Packet.

- a. Older adult dance survey
- b. Halloween dance sales
- c. Human Connect newsletter and the 2022 Summer Concert series.

The dance survey results produced positive feedback on the dances as a whole. Secretary Carrillo encouraged committee members to purchase dance tickets for the upcoming Halloween Dance. Mr. Carrillo reminded members of the new policy regarding the release of tickets for residents and non-residents. Manager Ramirez provided a brief overview on the Human Connect Newsletter and Senior Buzz merge. Secretary Carrillo presented members the results of the 2022 Summer Concert Series survey.

Committee members Hilda Zamora and Paul Nakamura suggested a new way to remind seniors about the dances since a physical dance ticket will no longer be provided.

Mr. Aguirre inquired about why people could no longer buy dance tickets for friends. Mr. Ramirez explained that staff have encountered issues with tickets that were purchased but the people they were purchased for were no longer able to attend, residents buying tickets for non-residents. .

9. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

a. Family and Human Services Division and Program Projects Updates

Executive Secretary Carrillo provided a brief overview of the older adult programming that is currently in session which include: a Latin Dance Cardio, pickleball, Embroidery Creations, Create-It Now and more. Mr. Carrillo informed the committee regarding department events to look out for in the coming months such as the Thanksgiving Feast, Dia De Los Muertos, Halloween Carnival, etc.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Senior Advisory committee Meeting Dates

Committee members discussed meeting dates and dark months in an effort to be consistent with all other City Advisory Committees.

Committee Member Hilda Zamora made a motion to propose July, August and December as dark months. All members voted in favor and one abstained.

b. Cancelation of the January 2023 Meeting

Staff informed the Committee that the meeting for the month of January 2023 will be cancelled. The term of advisory committee members expires on December 31, 22. As such appointments will be made in January 2023. Individuals interested in re-applying or applying for an advisory committee must submit an application to the City Clerk's office for reappointment consideration. The City Clerk's office will be mailing/-emailing applications to current Advisory Committee members in November. Any questions regarding the application, or the process, can be directed to the City Clerk's office.

c. 2022 Holiday Basket Volunteer Orientation

The Holiday Basket Volunteer Orientation will take place Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center at 6:30 p.m. Ed Ramirez and Supervisor, Jose Carrillo will be hosting the meeting and provide information on the procedures for volunteers to follow.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Committee member Dr. Linda Vallejo requested a presentation and review of committee bylaws and policies.
- Committee member Hilda Zamora requested a presentation for the new Willie Gordon Senior Technology Lab.
- Chairperson Gilbert Aguirre requested guidance on voting procedures that involve committee issues.

13. MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Linda Vallejo expressed concern over the computer lab operating hours not being adequate. Dr. Vallejo also commented on the benefits of keeping the book drop-off bin in the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center parking lot operational.
- Member Paul Nakamura suggested a brief overview of the bylaws and overview of governing rules for the committees.
- Committee member Gilbert Aguirre requested guidance on voting procedures that involve committee issues. Mr. Ramirez offered a brief explanation on voting procedures and policies.
- Member Hilda Zamora asked if the TB requirement is still in place for volunteers. Mr. Ramirez clarified that for year round volunteers the test is required but for one time volunteers there is no need. All volunteer inquiries will go through Ruby Picon.
- Women's Club representative, Nany Kruger announced the Annual Holiday Boutique and Luncheon will take place Friday, November 4, 2022 at Towne Center Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets for raffle are available for purchase.

14. ADJOURNMENT – CHAIRPERSON JANIE AGUIRRE

Chairperson Janie Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The Next Meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will be held in-person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on November 8, 2022.



Jose Carrillo, Executive Secretary