



**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center  
Tuesday, July 12, 2022  
9:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Janie Aguirre called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

*Members Present:* Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Sally Gaitan, Nancy Krueger, Josefina Lara, Elena Lopez, Dolores Duran, Bonnie Fox, Astrid Shesterkin, Hilda Zamora

*Members Absent:* Paul Nakamura, Yoko Nakamura, Lorena Huitron, Martha Villanueva, Dr. Linda Vallejo

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

*Guests:* Gustavo Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Services Manager

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Sally Gaitan

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sally Gaitan and seconded by Astrid Shesterkin to approve the Minutes for the June 14, 2022 meeting. Amendment of minutes to include Council Liason Report after **Item. No. 4.**

6. PRESENTATIONS

a. Aquatic Center Facility Status – Gustavo Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Manager

Parks & Recreation Manager, Gustavo Hernandez, presented to committee members the status of the Aquatic Center repairs. Mr. Hernandez also discussed the costs associated with repairs, renovations, maintenance and staffing. He also stated that the department is actively seeking feedback for future designs of the Aquatic Center which can be found in the form of a QR Code survey on residents' water bill.

Advisory Member Janie Aguirre asked for an estimated completion date on repairs and renovations. Mr. Hernandez explained that there is no approximate completion date

because of the lengthy process involved in creation blueprints, finding a firm and funding.

Advisory Member Gilbert Aguirre asked why the pools were not properly maintained throughout the years and why proper repairs were neglected for so long. Member Aguirre also expressed his concerns in regards to the proper allocation of funds to maintain the pools. Mr. Hernandez assured Member Aguirre that it is a priority.

#### **7. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – Councilmember, Dr. John Mora**

Councilmember, Dr. John Mora informed the Advisory Committee that there was misinformation being spread about City Council and their involvement with the Aquatic Center. Dr. Mora clarified the rumors and informed members that City Council is actively trying to secure funding needed for the center.

Councilmember, Dr. John Mora shared that the carpool lanes to the I-5 freeway, off of Florence Ave. and Orr & Day Rd., are now open. Dr. Mora stated that the city is looking into freeway markers to place on the carpool lanes to avoid confusion with normal lanes.

Committee members asked Councilmember Mora questions and a brief dialogue took place.

#### **8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT**

Executive Secretary Carrillo provided a recap on the Family and Human Services Division programs and events. Members are encouraged to review the staff report for further information.

Advisory Member, Janie Aguirre, asked about the policy regarding saving seats for dances. Mr. Carrillo informed Mrs. Aguirre that the division will look into implementing a fair policy.

Member Gilbert Aguirre asked if the music choices for the themed dances can reflect the theme. Mr. Ramirez stated that it will be looked into and a survey will be handed out to participants for their feedback.

#### **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 new older adult programming to start in the upcoming weeks which include a meditation class, pickleball, outdoor gym assistance, jewelry making, rock painting, tile and mosaic making. Members are encouraged to review the staff report for further information.

Advisory Member Sally Gaitan inquired about when Rio Hondo sponsored classes will return to the GVNC.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Senior Buzz Publication

The Senior Buzz is a marketing brochure to keep older adults up to date on new programs and classes being offered at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. The publication will be discussed further at length in future meetings.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

13. MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. John Mora offered clarification on the new food waste policy that was recently implemented across L.A. County.
- Member Shesterkin shared her disapproval on seeing Linda Sanchez campaign signs not being taken down.

14. ADJOURNMENT – CHAIRPERSON JANIE AGUIRRE

Chairperson Janie Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

**The Next Meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will be held in-person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on August 9, 2022.**



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Jose Carrillo, Executive Secretary