



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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Janie Aguirre called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Josefina Lara, Elena Lopez, Dolores Duran, Bonnie Fox, Hilda Zamora

Members Absent: Paul Nakamura, Yoko Nakamura, Dr. Linda Vallejo, Sally Gaitan, Astrid Shesterkin, Nancy Krueger

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

Guests: Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza, Family and Human Services Caseworker II

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Hilda Zamora

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gilbert Aguirre and seconded by Josefina Lara to approve the Minutes for the August 9, 2022 meeting.

6. PRESENTATIONS

a. *Low Income Household Water Assistance Program – Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza, Caseworker II*

Family and Human Services Caseworker II, Yvonne Peraza-Mendoza, presented to committee members a new program designed to assist Santa Fe Springs residents and non-residents with water costs. Mrs. Mendoza provided information about the program and discussed the eligibility requirements to receive assistance.

7. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – Councilmember Mora

Councilmember Mora informed the Advisory Committee about upcoming events such as the catalytic converter etching that will be done in partnership with the Whittier Police Department and new business opening ceremonies. Councilmember Mora provided a recap of the successful city hosted Community Block Party and Summer Concert Series. He also provided information on the Student Mentorship Program that is being run by the Chamber of Commerce. This program will provide qualifying applicants an opportunity to bond with students and mentor them in different areas of study.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

None.

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, balloon decorating and more. Manager, Ed Ramirez provided a recap on the Grandparent and Me Day event hosted at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. Members are encouraged to review the staff report for further information.

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. *Social Security Presentation Update*

Executive Secretary Carrillo informed committee members that there has been no response from the Social Security office on providing a presentation to members.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. *2022 Summer Concert Series Survey*

Committee members were requested to complete a survey to secure feedback for the 2023 summer concert series.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Committee member Gilbert Aguirre suggested that we have a COVID-19 presentation by a health professional to provide further details on the disease.
- Committee member Hilda Zamora requested a presentation for the new Willie Gordon Senior Technology Lab..

- Chairperson Janie Aguirre suggested a presentation from the Fire Department regarding the File of Life information cards to the older adult participants at the Gus Velasco Nighborhood Center.

13. MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Family and Human Services Managar, Ed Ramirez, informed members that there will be a Senior Center Month proclamation done at the August 16th city council meeting.
- Member Janie Aguirre suggested that GVNC and HP events not coincide on the same day as it could be too overwhelming. She also suggested that presentations discussed within the committee be shared with all senior patrons.
- Member Gilbert Aguirre inquired about the Historical and Conservation Committee's judging standards and practices during the drought.

14. ADJOURNMENT – CHAIRPERSON JANIE AGUIRRE

Chairperson Janie Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

The Next Meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will be held in-person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on October 11, 2022.



Jose Carrillo, Executive Secretary