



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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Janie Aguirre called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Paul Nakamura

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Dolores Duran, Bonnie Fox, Nancy Krueger, Elena Lopez, Paul Nakamura, Yoko Nakamura, Astrid Shesterkin, Dr. Linda Vallejo

Members Absent: Sally Gaitan, Lorena Huitron, Josefina Lara, Martha Villanueva

Staff: Ed Ramirez, Family and Human Services Manager
Jose Carrillo, Community Services Supervisor/Executive Secretary
Yvonne Mendoza, Human Services Caseworker II
Jasmine Oregel, Administrative Clerk I

Guests: Ed Nilo, Battalion Chief

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Astrid Shesterkin and seconded by Dr. Linda Vallejo to approve the Minutes for the April 12, 2022 meeting as amended as follows.

Item No. 8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES; Paragraph a) to read:

- a)** Dr. Linda Vallejo inquired about the new outdoor gym (Fitness Court) at Los Nietos Park. Member Nancy Krueger provided additional information about the outdoor gym and informed Dr. Vallejo and members that she can forward applications for the gym.

6. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

a. **Fire Rescue – Tips for the Public Presentation**

Battalion Chief Ed Nilo briefed the committee members on safety tips for the general public that covered emergency numbers, medication listing, home safety, etc.

Committee members asked Chief Nilo questions and a brief dialogue took place.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Health and Wellness Initiatives**

Mr. Carrillo provided a brief overview on the status of older adult exercise programs such as Latin Dance and Movin' and Groovin'. Mr. Carrillo also announced the proposal of a pickle ball court to be held at Los Nietos Park in the forthcoming year. It was noted that the Family and Human Services Division is looking for prospective instructors for new programming. Mr. Carrillo opened the grounds for suggestions on programming from members. Members are encouraged to reference the staff report.

9. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

a. **Family and Human Services Division and Program Updates**

Executive Secretary Carrillo provided a recap on the Family and Human Services Division and upcoming programs.

Advisory Member Nakamura asked if Police Services was part of the Community Services Department. Mr. Ramirez stated it was not.

Advisory Member Shesterkin asked if the Police Services Department could come in and make a presentation. Secretary Carrillo reported that it would be added into the next agenda.

10. PRESENTATIONS

None.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Advisory Member Aguirre asked if a presentation could be made discussing the differences between a Public Safety Officer and Police Officer.

Advisory Member Paul Nakamura asked if a Social Security representative could conduct a presentation.

12. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caseworker, Yvonne Mendoza, announced Spring Boutique volunteer opportunities. The Spring Boutique will take place Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

13. MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elena Lopez asked if the center has been fully open and if lunch was now being served indoors. Mr. Ramirez reported that SASSFA has not determined a date but that patrons still visit the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center.
- Bonnie Fox asked if the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center has been receiving any new visitors. Mr. Ramirez stated that the center has indeed received new visitors as well as “regular participants” but the decision to return is at each individual’s discretion.
- Dr. Linda Vallejo asked if transportation assistance is still available and if the operational hours can be adjusted to coincide with program times. Mr. Ramirez stated that the Transportation Division is evaluating their services and will provide updates.
- Gilbert Aguirre asked if there will be a council liaison present in future meetings. Mr. Ramirez stated that there is no council liaison attending the SAC meeting at the present time.
- Janie Aguirre asked about the absentee policy and its implementation. Mr. Ramirez stated that the City Clerk is addressing this item with City Council.

14. ADJOURNMENT – CHAIRPERSON JANIE AGUIRRE

Chairperson Janie Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

The Next Meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will be held in-person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on May 10, 2022.



Jose Carrillo, Executive Secretary