



**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
9:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Janie Aguirre called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Dolores Duran, Bonnie Fox, Hilda Zamora, Astrid Shesterkin, Josefina Lara, Dolores Romero

Members Absent: Johnny Hernandez, Nancy Kruger, Linda Vallejo

Staff: Jose Carrillo, Community Services Supervisor/Executive Secretary
Ed Ramirez, Family and Human Services Manager
Jasmine Oregel, Administrative Assistant II

Guests: Tom Hatch, Interim City Manager

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Hilda Zamora

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Hilda Zamora suggested a discussion on revisiting the absence policy while being a member on an Advisory Committee.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Astrid Shesterkin and seconded by Gilbert Aguirre to approve the Minutes for the February 14, 2023 meeting.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – Jay Sarno, Mayor Pro Tem
None.

7. PRESENTATIONS

a. *City Manager Meet and Greet*

Tom Hatch, Interim City Manager, attended the Senior Advisory Committee to meet and introduce himself to the Committee. Mr. Hatch conveyed how impressed he is with the City of Santa Fe Springs, programs offered and the beautiful facilities. He commented that Santa Fe Springs is a very special and unique community. Mr. Hatch has worked 9 years out of a 35 year career in Parks and Recreation/Community Services. His current role in the City of Santa Fe Springs is the Interim City Manager and assist the City Council

in the hiring process for a new City Manager. It is a lengthy process and City Council will be working with Koff and Associates, executive recruitment firm for the hiring process. Mr. Hatch is fond of Community Services events and feels they can make or break the community. Member Zamora shared with Mr. Hatch and the advisory members how grateful and happy the older adults were to see him in attendance at the Valentine's Dance for older adults.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez and Mr. Carrillo reported on the following to the committee:

- a. Family and Human Services Division has selected a candidate to fill the Program Coordinator position at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center and is expected to fill the vacancy by late March or early April.
- b. The Human Connect March/April issue is out, with a new look and same great content.

9. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

a. Family and Human Services Division Program and Project Updates

Mr. Carrillo provided a brief overview of the older adult programming that is currently in session and the upcoming special events. Members are encouraged to read through the report in the March packet for more detailed information.

- a. Bingo
- b. Games and Fun
- c. Create-it Now
- d. Monthly Birthday Cake Celebration
- e. Café Con José
- f. Movin' N' Groovin' Chair Exercise
- g. Latin Dance Cardio
- h. City Strollers
- i. Pickleball
- j. Outdoor Fitness Court
- k. Mindful Meditation
- l. Garden Fun Under the Sun
- m. Food Art
- n. Sewing Machine Class
- o. Yoga – *NEW*
- p. VITA
- q. Art Fest 2023
- r. Easter Eggstravaganza
- s. Training for Advisory Committee Members

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. An update was provided on the Community Education Presentation from the February Senior Advisory Meeting by Secretary Carrillo. He indicated that the senior home equity program was the most popular topic.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Member Shesterkin commented on the large sized potholes that are caused by the recent rain on Lakeland Rd. that need to be fixed. Chairperson Aguirre suggested member Shesterkin address this topic at the Safe Neighborhood Team meeting hosted by the Department of Police Services.
- Member Zamora also made a suggestion of using the Go SFS application.
- Member Gilbert Aguirre made a suggestion of having someone speak regarding the policy for advisory committee member absences.
- Mr. Ramirez informed members he will work with the various City departments to present to the Advisory where members can then address issues pertaining to that department.

13. MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Member Gilbert Aguirre wished Chairperson Aguirre a happy birthday.

14. ADJOURNMENT – CHAIRPERSON JANIE AGUIRRE

Chairperson Janie Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

The Next Meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will be held in-person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on April 11, 2023.



Jose Carrillo, Executive Secretary



Jasmine Oregel, Administrative Assistant II