



**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center  
Tuesday, April 11, 2023  
9:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

*Members Absent:* None.

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

*Guests:* Kevin Periman, Municipal Services Manager  
Steve Bonilla, Street Maintenance Supervisor  
Alex Flores, Assistant Civil Engineer  
Daniel Herrera, Engineering Intern

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Astrid Shesterkin

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Family and Human Services Manager, Ed Ramirez, introduced the new Program Coordinator Ramon Escobedo to the members.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dolores Duran and seconded by Astrid Shesterkin to approve the Minutes for the March 14, 2023 meeting.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – William K. Rounds, Councilmember

- a. Council Member Bill Rounds shared, Mayor Pro Tem, Jay Sarno wishes the members a Happy Easter
- b. The City continues to recruit for a City Manager. The deadline to submit an application is April 24, 2023.
- c. City Council approved the installation of 4 stop signs on Orr and Day Rd. and Whiteland St.

- d. The Parks and Recreation (PRS) Division held the Easter Eggstravaganza event at Heritage Park on April 8, 2023 and the community enjoyed the change of venue.
- e. The POW/MIA flag was raised at Alburtis Ave. and Telegraph Rd. and at the Veteran fountain.
- f. The parking lot at Los Nietos Park will double in size with the number of parking spaces; it is currently under construction.
- g. A new playground at Lakeview Park is currently under construction.
- h. The concrete replacement project is currently taking place. They are replacing concrete where it is needed throughout the neighborhoods in the City.

## 7. PRESENTATIONS

### a. *Santa Fe Springs Road Construction*

Alex Flores and Daniel Herrera gave a presentation on road issues and construction. They shared how potholes form and how the temperature can affect the creation of them. A temporary mix is put into the pothole during the colder months. Once the weather gets warmer, a permanent mix is put in to fix the pothole. Steve Bonilla, the Street Maintenance Supervisor shared photos with the members on how potholes are created and how they are fixed. Mr. Bonilla and Municipal Services Manager, Kevin Periman encourages the members to submit requests on the GoSFS application when they come across any issues in the City. Member Hernandez inquired if residents can call the Municipal Services Yard if they are unsure of how to use the GoSFS application and Mr. Periman agreed, the members can also call as an alternate way to report an issue.

## 8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Carrillo reported on the following to the committee:

- a. Volunteers are needed for the preparation and day of the Children's Boutique.

## 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 April 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. Crafty Crocheting – *NEW*
- l. Origami 101 – *NEW*
- m. Rock Painting
- n. T-Shirt Upcycle – *NEW*
- o. Yoga
- p. Art Fest 2023
- q. Older Adults Mother’s Day Event
- r. Senior Ball – *NEW*

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. There will be a presentation available for participants at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. More information on registration is forthcoming.
- b. There will be a CHP Age Well, Drive Smart presentation taking place on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. More information on registration is forthcoming.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. City Council will be proclaiming the month of May as Older Americans Month on May 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Staff is requesting that members of the Senior Advisory Committee attend the City Council meeting to accept the proclamation.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

13. MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Member Zamora encouraged members to attend the Art Fest event on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The charge is to provide scholarships to local students. By the end of the month, the Superintendent for the Little Lake City School District will be announced. Mr. Ramirez informed members there is also a charge for the Preview and Art Showcase Night on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and this will include tasting of beer or wine.
- Chairperson Aguirre inquired if tickets can be purchased in person also and Mr. Ramirez informed members tickets will need to be purchased online on Eventbrite or in person the day of the event.
- Member Gilbert Aguirre asked if college students are considered to be free to attend the Art Fest event. Mr. Ramirez informed the members college students are also free as long as they show a valid school ID or proof of enrollment. Mr. Aguirre inquired whether the Senior Advisory Committee and the Family and Human Services Advisory Committee were going to be consolidated into one. Mr. Ramirez shared with the members this issue is under review. Mr. Aguirre shared he would like to hear different genres of music at the

dances for older adults. Mr. Carrillo shared he works with the band to play music that is related to the theme of the dance and he is flexible with changing the music. Member Hernandez also suggested purchasing a Bluetooth jukebox to have at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center for the participants.

- Member Hernandez inquired if there was an update on the absence and tardy policy. Mr. Ramirez reported there are no changes and policy remains the same.

14. ADJOURNMENT – CHAIRPERSON JANIE AGUIRRE

Chairperson Janie Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

**The Next Meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will be held in-person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on May 9, 2023.**



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Jose Carrillo, Executive Secretary



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Jasmine Oregel, Administrative Assistant II