

**City of Santa Fe Springs
SISTER CITY COMMITTEE
Meeting of February 4, 2013**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Francis Carbajal, Lucy Gomez (6:38 p.m.), Susan Johnston, Andrea Lopez, Jimmy Mendoza, Kim Mette, Marcella Obregon, Peggy Radoumis, Ted Radoumis, Mary Reed, Dominique Velasco, Marlene Vernava, Martha Villanueva, Doris Yarwood, Charlotte Zevallos, and Manny Zevallos

Council Liaison: Laurie Rios

Staff: Maricela Balderas, Director of the Department of Community Services
Michelle Smith, Executive Secretary to the Sister City Committee

Absent: Amanda Tomsick

Excused : Dolores Romero, Jeannette Wolfe

3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS:**

Michelle introduced Maricela Balderas, Director of the Department of Community Services. Maricela informed the committee that in her new position, she is visiting the department committees to introduce herself and announce that she is looking forward to working with all the committees. She also informed the group the City would soon be offering a Farmers Market to the community. The committee was pleased with this news.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Andrea requested a letter be sent to Rebecca Lira to thank her for the pancake mix, syrup, and cup donation. Michelle will send her a letter.

5. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**

- The Health and Wellness Resource Fair held on January 26 was a huge success. Twenty six community agencies, including several City Departments participated.
- Rio Hondo College is sponsoring classes geared towards older adults at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. These classes include Yoga, Older Adult Physical Fitness, Tai Chi, and Painting.
- The Interfaith Food Center that was once announced to possibly relocate into the old Spicy's site, is looking for a new location.

- Beginning today, The Family Center has been relocated into the temporary units at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. The staff reported a smooth transition.
- The First Friday Event at the Library featuring Tommy Greenwald was enjoyed by all who attended.
- Friday, February 1st was the ten year anniversary of the Shuttle Columbia crumbling to Earth. The City of Downey held a special ceremony at the Columbia Space Center commemorating this anniversary. Laurie found the ceremony interesting and memorable.
- Little Lake School District will be hosting their 3rd Annual Leaf Golf Tournament on Friday, March 15th.
- Parks and Recreation will be hosting a Penny Carnival on President's Day, Monday, February 18th at Lakeview Park. Games are 1 penny to participate.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Charlotte motioned to approve the January 7, 2013 minutes. Andrea seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. Financial Report - The Finance Report for January was distributed and reviewed. Peggy motioned to accept and file the report as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Susie announced that she received an e-mail from Theresia in Germany informing her that she would not be as involved in the program as last year.

9. TIRSCHENREUTH & YOUNG AMBASSADORS:

This was announced above during correspondence.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Pancake Breakfast

Each member of the committee needs to purchase at least two tickets to the Pancake Breakfast.

Francis informed the committee that unless the grill was donated for the Pancake Breakfast the committee would have to pay for rental of the grill. Depending on the size of the grill, the rental cost is as follows: 3 foot by 2 foot grill = \$80, 6 feet by 2 feet grill = \$125, batter dispenser = \$15. Kim announced that she may be able to borrow the grill from her church. She said she would ask the church and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Peggy motioned to budget \$125 for the grill that would be needed for the Pancake Breakfast. Charlotte seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Francis recommended that each member should work 4 hours at the breakfast or donate \$20.

Charlotte expressed the committee members should donate food items towards the breakfast. Andreas thought that perhaps this was too much for those who sit on more than one committee and donate elsewhere.

During the meeting, Kim texted her church to request the grill, the church replied back willing to donate their grill for the Pancake Breakfast. There will be no need to rent the grill.

B. Fundraisers

Susie announced that Kim would be in charge of a Sentsy fundraiser beginning the night of the meeting. Kim passed out fundraising packets. She requested all orders and monies to be turned into her.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Navajoa

Peggy announced that the City met with the Mayor of Navajoa. He is interested in re-establishing his relationship with the City of Santa Fe Springs. Peggy elaborated on some of our history with Navajoa. The City will be celebrating its 50 year anniversary as a Sister City to Navajoa, Mexico in 2014. Peggy will keep us apprised of any new information regarding Navajoa.

B. April Sister City Committee Meeting – City Holiday

The Sister City Committee regular meeting date falls on a City Holiday in April.

Due to this, the April committee meeting will take place the following Monday, April 8th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kim – encouraged committee members to sell Sentsy and turn in their orders at the next meeting.

Francis – announced that her brother in law recently passed away.

Peggy – asked if the committee was interested in selling Carl's Jr. Booklets – Susie said she would call Carl's Jr. to see if this was something we were interested in selling again as a fundraiser.

Charlotte – Announced the Sister City Fundraiser trip to Barona Casino was taking place on April 22 – She also made a motion for an \$800 check to Barona to secure the trip. Doris seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Center Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Smith,
Executive Secretary