



SISTER CITY COMMITTEE
Town Center Hall – Meeting Room No. 1
Meeting of Monday, April 8, 2013

MINUTES

Chairperson Susie Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Francis Carbajal, Lucy Gomez, Susan Johnston, Andrea Lopez, Jimmy Mendoza, Kim Mette, Marcella Obregon, Peggy Radoumis, Ted Radoumis, Mary Reed, Dolores Romero, Amanda Tomsick, Dominique Velasco, Martha Villanueva (6 :43 pm), Doris Yarwood, Charlotte Zevallos, and Manny Zevallos

Council Liaison: Laurie Rios

Staff: Michelle Smith, Executive Secretary to the Sister City Committee
Lori Balderrama, Administrative Clerk II

Absent: Marlene Vernava

Excused : Jeannette Wolfe

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kim Mette and seconded by Charlotte Zevallos to approve the Minutes of March 4, 2013. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

- The Family & Human Services Division's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (V.I.T.A.) Program is assisting low-income individuals and families in completing their tax returns. If you are interested please call the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center.
- The northbound Interstate 5 Freeway Firestone exit was permanently closed beginning as of Thursday, April 4, 2013. Soon the southbound exit will also be closed.
- The lottery for the 2013 Fireworks Booths will take place this Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.
- The City of Santa Fe Springs Police Services, California Highway Patrol, Whittier Police Department and the SFS Department of Fire and Rescue will conduct "Every 15 Minutes Program" at Santa Fe High School. It is a very emotional program and great to attend if you have not done so before.
- Parks & Recreation Division will be hosting Children's Day at Heritage Park this Saturday April 13, 2013 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. They will have arts & crafts, story telling, food for purchase and admission is free.

- On Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. there will be Budget Town Hall Meeting. This meeting is to inform the public about the City budget process and listen to public concerns regarding current programs and perhaps new programs that might affect the budget. This meeting will take place at the Town Center Hall.
- First Friday at the Library on May 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. will feature Aconcagua. An instrumentation that captures the soul and spirit of the South American people in a program inspired by the ancient ruins and rich musical heritage of the Andean region of South America.
- The Santa Fe Springs Art Fest 2013 will take place at the Clarke Estate on Thursday, May 30, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is the first art exhibition for the City and the Heritage Art Advisory Committee. There were 130 applications received. Over 300 pieces of art will be on display.
- The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe (BNSF) is scheduled to close Pioneer Boulevard from Los Nietos Road to Rivera Road on Friday, April 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. through Monday, April 22, 2013 at 5:00 a.m. The closure is necessary to install a third track at the existing Pioneer Boulevard crossing.
- The Department of Fire and Rescue will be hosting an open house to celebrate a reopening of Station No.2 on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The Santa Fe Springs Boxing Club sent two boxers along with a coach to compete in the 2013 U. S. Nationals in Spokane, Washington. This trip was paid for by funds that were raised by the boxing club

4. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – MICHELLE SMITH

- Guest Speaker – Yolanda Garcia, Art Fest, May 30, 2013. The consultant for the Santa Fe Springs Art Fest Yolanda Garcia informed the group of the upcoming Art Fest exhibition of local artists. She said that there were many great applicants and that it should be a successful art show. Artists were able to enter up to three art pieces. Approximately forty-five of these applicants were high school students. She expects a high turnout of parents and she thinks it will be a great family event. Some artist will be present in the Vendor Art Area where the public can purchase selected art work.
- Michelle announced that it is time for certain committee members to request to be reappointed. The following committee members were asked to fill out an Application for Reappointment: Jimmy Mendoza, Lucy Gomez, Mary Reed, Peggy Radoumis, Jeannette Wolfe, Marlene Vernava, Doris Yarwood, Ted Radoumis, Dolores Romero, and Marcella Obregon.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Pancake Breakfast - Susie reviewed some preliminary dollar figures for the breakfast for the committee and individual youth. Final figures will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Raffle - Two youth participated in the raffle for approximately one hundred and twenty dollars. The exact figure will be announced at the next meeting.

Sentsy Fundraiser - Only one youth participated in this fundraiser.

Barona Fundraiser - Charlotte announced that she needs at least six more participants for the trip. The trip will take place on Monday, April 22, 2013. Prospective participants should call Charlotte to pay and reserve a seat.

Children's Day – Heritage Park - This event will take place this Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers need to arrive at the park at 11:00 a.m. Event clean up should be at approximately 4:40 p.m.

The following motions were made:

- 1) Kim Mette motioned to approve a two hundred dollar change fund for the Children's Day event at Heritage Park. Peggy Radoumis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Peggy motioned to approve a check for \$67.60 toward the purchase of the hot dogs for Children's Day. Kim seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Manny Zevallos then mentioned that the \$67.60 would be the most that was needed to purchase the hot dogs.
- 3) Peggy motioned to strike the last motion and instead approve a check not to exceed \$67.60 for the purchase of the hot dogs. Kim Mette seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Farmers Market - The date for the first Santa Fe Springs Farmers Market will be pushed back a month or so. An update will be given at the next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS – SUSIE JOHNSTON

Sister City Mini Conference - The Sister City Mini Conference was this past weekend on April 6 and 7, 2013. Susie was hoping to send someone but we received late notice about the conference.

Susie informed the group about a possible car wash fundraiser. Francis reminded Susie that according to Roberts Rules of Order, the committee is not allowed to discuss items not on the agenda and she also had some general concerns regarding Susie's conduct. In order to avoid discussing items not on the agenda, Michelle suggested mentioning those items under announcements and include the items on the next months meeting agenda.

7. TIRSCHENREUTH & YOUNG AMBASSADORS:

Susie announced that we would be working with someone new for the next Germany trip. She will keep us updated as to who that will be as the trip approaches.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT – JEANNETTE WOLFE

The finance report was adjourned to the meeting of May 6, 2013.

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Firework Booth
- Nominating Committee
- Standing Rules
- Navojoa
- Chili's Fundraiser
- Other Fundraisers

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Susie announced that she would be having knee replacement surgery on May 22, 2013.

Doris spoke with the Mayor to recommend having the fireworks booth drawing sooner in September and October next year instead of April.

Lucy stated that she has a new phone number.

Dominique announced that she had been sick. She hopes everyone else is healthy.

Ted thanked the committee for the flowers while he was in the hospital. He was really ill with bronchitis and asthma. He is feeling much better now.

Mary mentioned that her dog now weighs three pounds.

Charlotte reminded members that she needs more Barona trip participants. Please inform your family and friends.

Dolores is glad to be back and thanked the committee for the card.

Frances mentioned that John Mora is now offering classes.

Andrea recommends visiting the Latitude Bar if planning to go to San Diego.

Kim announced that Relay for Life is approaching and soon they will be having their first team captain meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Smith,
Executive Secretary