



Santa Fe Springs Sister City Committee
Town Center Hall – Meeting Room 1
Monday, August 6, 2018

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Peggy Radoumis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – A.J. HAYES
3. ROLL CALL – MICHELLE SMITH, COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Members Present: Debra Cabrera, Francis Carbajal, A.J. Hayes, Susan Johnston, Andrea Lopez, Jacqueline Martinez, Marcella Obregon , Peggy Radoumis, Mary Reed, Laurie Rios, Martha Villanueva, Jeannette Wolfe, Doris Yarwood, Charlotte Zevallos, Manny Zevallos

Members Absent: Beverly Radoumis

Staff: Michelle Smith, Community Services Supervisor/Executive Secretary

Council Liaison: Jay Sarno, Mayor

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PEGGY RADOUMIS- CHAIRPERSON
 - Nothing to report

5. APPROVAL OF JULY 2, 2018 MINUTES*

A motion was made by Andrea Lopez, and seconded by Laurie Rios, to approve the amended Minutes of July 2, 2018 as amended. The motion was carried unanimously.

Section 5: SALES TAX INITIATIVE PRESENTATION – CITY MANAGER, RAY CRUZ, amend to read:

“Francis Carbajal inquired about the Senior Program – Meals on Wheels run by SASFA.”

Section 9: NEW BUSINESS, Item b, amend to read:

“Ms. Radoumis will contact Sister City International to gain access to a current mission statement and to make sure that they are able to alter it from the International mission statement.”

7. COUNCIL LIASON REPORT

Mayor Jay Sarno reported on the following:

- Six people have pulled papers to run for elections: Blake Carter, Ralph Aranda, John Mora, Mayor Pro Tem Juanita Trujillo, Mayor Jay Sarno and Annette Rodriguez. Peggy Radoumis suggested that the City research where each candidate is registered to vote.
- There will be an advocacy group to monitor the 1% Tax Initiative Proposal. There are currently no arguments filed against the proposal.
- The Post Office lease will expire in 2019. Negotiations will begin with the Post Office and the City to reach a rate comparable with current rental prices.
- The City has asked the owner of the Promenade to clean up the area and cut down on the loitering in front of the stores.
- The Promenade and the City are in talks to resolve the traffic issues caused by the Starbucks drive-thru.
- A Sonic Burger will open on Florence and Carmenita.
- The Dollar Tree on Washington Blvd has opened.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – MICHELLE SMITH

- a. **Fiestas Patrias Event – Friday, September 14, 6-11 p.m., Town Center Plaza**
– The Fiestas Patrias will be held at Town Center Plaza on September 14, from 6-11:30 p.m.

9. OLD BUSINESS – PEGGY RADOUMIS

- a. **Independence Day Fundraiser - Recap – Charlotte Zevallos** – Ms. Zevallos stated that the fundraiser went well but would like signage earlier. Peggy Radoumis asked if Sister City having a firework booth in 2019 has been put on the agenda to be voted on by Council. Mayor Sarno assured her that it will be on the agenda in September. The vote would be to allow the Sister City Committee to enter the lottery regardless of having less than 20 members.
- b. **Fundraiser Ideas – Peggy Radoumis** –
- Casino Trip – Update – Tabled until next meeting.
 - Clothing Drive – Recap. \$573.80 was made during the clothing drive. Peggy Radoumis suggested that the Committee transfer some of the money earned to the Young Ambassadors since they did a lot of work on the fundraiser.
- c. **Candy Bar Fundraiser – Update** – Any unsold boxes will be sold at Fiestas Patrias.
- **Popcorn Fundraiser – Charlotte Zevallos** – Brochures will be handed out and sales will last from October through November. Orders will be placed in November so that the popcorn is delivered in December. If there is over \$500 in sales there will be no shipping costs. A motion was made by A.J. Hayes, and seconded by Laurie Rios, for the Committee to sell popcorn. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Mission Statement – Subcommittee Report** - Peggy Radoumis reported that the mission statement for Sister City International is “To promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation - One individual, one community at a time.” A motion was made by Francis Carbajal, and seconded by Martha Villanueva to approve the Sister City International Mission Statement as the

Mission Statement of Sister City – Santa Fe Springs. The motion passes unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS – PEGGY RADOUMIS

- a. **Nominating Committee Selection – Peggy Radoumis** – Peggy took volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee: Andrea Lopez, Marcella Obregon, Susie Johnston, Jeannette Wolfe, Charlotte Zevallos, and Peggy Radoumis.
- b. **Fiestas Patrias Fundraiser** – The Committee decided to sell nachos, candy bars, soda, and water at Fiestas Patrias. Michelle Smith will generate small signs with pricing. Peggy Radoumis encouraged all committee members to help in the booth. Ms. Radoumis asked for volunteers to be in charge of the booth. A.J. Hayes and Jacqueline Martinez will head up the booth and arrive at 4:30 p.m. to set up. A.J. Hayes will make purchase for the fundraiser. The City will provide electrical and tables.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT* - JEANNETTE WOLFE – TREASURER

- a. **Bills/Invoices** – Treasurer Jeannette Wolfe distributed the Finance Report for period ending in July 2018 and gave a brief overview of the youth account and the committee account.

Francis Carbajal requested that the money she donated from sales of her jewelry booth during the Easter Celebration be divided in half and given to two members instead of three. The third member's mother purchased \$30.00 and has failed to pay for the merchandise as promised.

A motion was made by Francis Carbajal, and seconded by A.J. Hayes, to divide the donation money between the two members in good financial standing. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeannette Wolfe informed the Committee that the check that was issued to Miss Santa Fe Springs has not been cashed yet. Andrea Lopez stated that the City has the check and it should be deposited by Monday, August 13. Ms. Lopez will ask the City's finance department for the check to be returned so that a new check can be issued from the Committee's new checking account, thus allowing them to close their old account. Mayor Sarno spoke with the finance department head who said that the check is being processed but would try and pull the check. He would let Mayor Sarno know by Tuesday if he was able to pull the check.

A motion was made by Francis Carbajal, and seconded by A.J. Hayes to receive and file the financial report of July 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – PEGGY RADOUMIS

- a. **Young Ambassadors Subcommittee Report** – Peggy Radoumis
 - Committee is having difficulty getting in contact with Susie.

- Committee is still looking for students interested in going to Germany. There are currently five students who want to go. There are two students who would like to go but they are not residents of Santa Fe Springs.

A motion was made by Francis Carbajal, and seconded by Susie Johnston to allow the two non-resident students to go as long as they can provide their funding. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Navojoa Subcommittee Report – Peggy Radoumis

Francis Carbajal reported that the new Navojoa Mayor is Rosario Quintero. It was suggested that the City and The Sister City Committee formally invite Navojoa council and Committee to visit during Fiestas Patrias. The Committee and the City would create a budget to host the guests. Research for cost for hotel and such will be looked into by Peggy Radoumis, Michelle Smith, and Francis Carbajal and shared at September meeting.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – PEGGY RADOUMIS

- Casino Trips
- Nominating Committee
- Fiestas Patrias – start up change, pricing, inventory
- Young Ambassadors report
- Navojoa Subcommittee report
- Nominating Selection Committee

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS – PEGGY RADOUMIS

- Pachanga Casino trip on Tuesday, August 28. \$15 per person.
- A.J. Hayes reported that the Heritage Arts Committee just completed the Art Grants. Grants were given to the teachers for supplies.
- Francis Carbajal reported that her dog, Bentley, had a total knee replacement and is on the mend. He is currently at the vet with minor complications.
- Peggy Radoumis reported that the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center is handing out backpacks with school supplies to children going back to school.
- Peggy Radoumis announced that she is running for Little Lake School District Board.

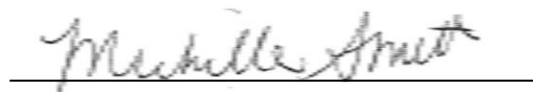
14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Peggy Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, 2018 at the Town Center Hall at 6:30 p.m.



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