



Santa Fe Springs Sister City Committee
Town Center Hall – Meeting Room 1
Monday, February 4, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Peggy Radoumis called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Beverly Radoumis
3. ROLL CALL – MICHELLE SMITH, COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Members Present: Francis Carbajal, Andrea Lopez, Jacqueline Martinez, Marcella Obregon, Beverly Radoumis, Peggy Radoumis, Laurie Rios, Martha Villanueva, Jeannette Wolfe, Doris Yarwood, Charlotte Zevallos, Manny Zevallos

Members Absent: Debra Cabrera, A.J. Hayes, Susan Johnston

Staff: Michelle Smith, Community Services Supervisor/Executive Secretary

Council Liaison: Juanita Trujillo, Mayor

Guests: Kiki Valenzuela – Sister City guest from Navojoa, Mexico
Gerardo Valenzuela – Sister City guest from Navojoa, Mexico

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PEGGY RADOUMIS- CHAIRPERSON
Nothing to report
5. APPROVAL OF January 7, 2019 MINUTES*
A motion was made by Andrea Lopez, and seconded by Francis Carbajal, to approve the Minutes of January 7, 2019. The motion was carried unanimously.
6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT
Mayor Juanita Trujillo reported the following:
 - Mayor Trujillo informed the Committee that Parks & Recreation Manager and his wife have had a baby girl.
 - President’s Day Penny Carnival will be held at Lakeview Park on Monday, February 18.
 - ‘Meet the Mayor’ is being held at the City Library the last Wednesday of the month for anyone who would like to speak with Mayor Trujillo regarding the City. The first Meet the Mayor was held in January and was well received.

- A morning session of ‘Coffee with a Cop’ was held at Starbucks earlier this week, an additional session will be held Wednesday, February 6, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Mayor Trujillo is an ambassador to the local SEACCA. She informed the Committee that there is a program which will give any Veteran or active Military member a free pet including chipping, shots, and six months of training through Pet Co.
- Mayor Trujillo was asked about the homeless issue in the City and if the Typhus outbreak had been seen in Santa Fe Springs. Mayor Trujillo stated that the outbreak has not been reported in the City. A concerning issue regarding the homeless is a rise in fires which are being set in their encampments.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – Michelle Smith
Nothing to report

8. OLD BUSINESS – PEGGY RADOUMIS

a. Fundraising Ideas

- Casino Trip – The Sister City Youth group will be having a turn-around trip to the Viejas Casino on March 2, 2019. Tickets will be \$25 and is due by the Young Ambassadors Meeting.

b. Mary Reed Recognition – Years of Service

- No dollar amount was approved for Mary Reed’s Recognition Plaque. Peggy Radoumis will call plaque vendor in order to get a price range and an idea of what can be done for the plaque. Pricing will be shared at March meeting for Committee approval.

9. NEW BUSINESS – PEGGY RADOUMIS

a. Cancellation of 2019 German Exchange - Germany has had to cancel this year’s exchange due to their chaperon going on maternity leave. They plan on pursuing the exchange in 2020.

b. Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – Saturday, April 20 – The Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2019. Michelle Smith had tickets for Committee Members to sell. Each member was asked to sell 4 tickets. Pre-sale ticket price is \$4.50, while day of will be \$5.00. Doris Yarwood would like to ask the Miss Santa Fe Springs Court to volunteer on the day of the event. Francis Carbajal volunteered to run the event.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT* - JEANNETTE WOLFE – TREASURER

a. November/December Finance Report – Tabled until next meeting

b. Bills/Invoices – Jeannette Wolfe will be paying the Committee’s taxes on line. No dollar amount can be given until they are completed. All deposits for the German Exchange have been returned.

A motion was made by Laurie Rios and seconded by Andrea Lopez to approve a prayer card for Betty Putnam no to exceed \$15.00. Motion carried unanimously.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – PEGGY RADOUMIS

a. Young Ambassadors Subcommittee Report

- Gerardo's mother called Peggy Radoumis to express interest in doing an exchange with Navojoa. Housing is already taken care of. Excursions are pending. The exchange would be for 5 days.

A motion was made by Francis Carbajal and seconded by Beverly Radoumis to move forward with Student Exchange with Navojoa.

b. Navojoa Subcommittee Report – Peggy Radoumis

- No new information

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – MICHELLE SMITH

a. Sister City Committee Funds

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS – PEGGY RADOUMIS

- Peggy Radoumis informed the Committee that Griffiths Drug Store has closed as well as Wood Grill in Norwalk.
- Mayor Trujillo announced that Sonic Burger will be opening on the corner of Florence and Carmenita.
- Peggy Radoumis asked committee members to pick up their Pancake Breakfast tickets before leaving.
- Charlotte Zevallos announced the passing of former Councilmember Betty Putnam. Ms. Zevallos will be sending a prayer card in her honor.
- Doris Yarwood announced a casino trip to Pechanga on March 26. Cost is \$15.00 per person
- Doris Yarwood announced that there will be a speaker on February 26, "Keeping Your Balance". Please let her know if you are interested.
- Gerardo Valenzuela shared greetings from Navojoa. Francis Carbajal suggested that they should join and pay dues to US-Mexico Sister City and look into Sister City International. Mayor Trujillo suggested they set up a conference call to get all the questions answered.
- The Women's Club will be hosting Quartermania on March 10, 2019 in the Town Center Social Hall. The fee is \$15, includes lunch.
- Peggy Radoumis announced the Young Ambassador's will be having their trip to Viejas.
- Francis Carbajal asked if the Sister City International conference in Texas, July 17 – 19, should be on the agenda. If the Chairman does not want to attend to open it up to another member who would like to attend. According to the Standing Rules the Committee will pay for the Chairperson and one other delegate.
- Peggy Radoumis would like to add an overview of the Standing Rules for the Sister City Committee to the agenda.
- Gerardo Valenzuela would like to add to the agenda that the Committee discuss sending a delegation to visit Navojoa and meet the new Mayor and build on the current relationship between the two cities.
- Michelle Smith announced that the City has opened up positions for Recreation Leader I and Lifeguard I.

- Andrea Lopez stated that she was impressed with Gerardo's mother revamping their Committee.
- Mayor Trujillo read an email from MaryAnn Putnam thanking the City for the memorial plant and expressed her mother's love for the City of Santa Fe Springs.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Peggy Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2019 at the Town Center Hall at 6:30 p.m.



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