



**Santa Fe Springs Sister City Advisory Committee
Town Center Hall
Monday, January 3, 2022
Via Telecommunication**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Peggy Radoumis called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Francis Carbajal
3. ROLL CALL –LEANNE IEZZA, COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR/EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Members Present: Shamsheer Bhandari, Francis Carbajal, Andrea Lopez, Marcella Obregon, Peggy Radoumis, Laurie Rios, Martha Villanueva, Jeannette Wolfe

Members Absent: Jacqueline Martinez, Doris Yarwood, Charlotte Zevallos, Manny Zevallos

Staff: Leanne Iezza, Community Services Supervisor/Executive Secretary

Council Liaison: John Mora, Council Liaison

Guests: None

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PEGGY RADOUMIS, CHAIRPERSON
Nothing to report.
5. APPROVAL OF March 2, 2020 MINUTES*
A motion was made by Francis Carbajal, and seconded by Laurie Rios, to approve the Minutes of March 2, 2020. The motion was carried unanimously.
6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – JOHN MORA
Mayor Mora touched on the following topics:
 - Mayor Mora welcomed everyone back after the long break in meetings.
 - The City is paying close attention to the Covid-19 case numbers and the CDC Guidelines for handling day to day operations in the City.
 - The City has a Covid-19 Memorial on the City website to memorialize those that have passed due to Covid-19. There has been a memorial bench installed at the Santa Fe Springs Library.
 - Mayor Mora thanked staff for all their efforts and creativity to keep programs and events running for residents during the months since the shutdown.
 - Los Nietos Road has been paved. The next paving project will be Pioneer Blvd from Los Nietos Road to Charlesworth Road.
 - There will be an outdoor Fitness Court installed at Los Nietos Park.

- Peggy Radoumis asked Mayor Mora for information regarding the possible tear down of the buildings on the south/east corner of Imperial Hwy and Bloomfield Ave. Mayor Mora said that he would follow up with Ms. Radoumis and the committee after the next Planning Commission meeting.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – LEANNE IEZZA

a. Review of Advisory Committee Bylaws

Executive Secretary Iezza briefly reviewed the Advisory Committee Bylaws regarding appointments, terms of appointments, and rules for absences. In brief, each member is appointed for a term of two years, ending in December of 2022. A member will be removed once they have missed three meetings, being tardy by fifteen (15) minutes or more will qualify as an absence.

Peggy Radoumis asked about the definition of ‘Qualified Electors’ for the Planning Commission. A solid definition will be reported at the next Sister City Committee meeting.

b. Project Updates

Ms. Iezza informed the Committee of the following Project Updates:

- i. *Grant from LA County 4th District Supervisor, Janice Hahn*
The grant from District Supervisor, Janice Hahn funded new scoreboards at the Activity Center, Lake Center Athletic Park, Santa Fe Springs Athletic Park, and Los Nietos Park. It also funded basketball backboard and hoop replacement at Los Nietos Park, Santa Fe Springs Park, and Little Lake Park. Funding was also used to paint the park building at Little Lake Park, the park building and picnic shelter at Santa Fe Springs Park, as well as replace the cabinets in the Santa Fe Springs Park building.
- ii. *Proposition A Grant*
During the November 2, 2021 Council meeting, it was approved to use the remaining Proposition A Grant money to remove and replace the carpet at the historic Clarke Estate and to remove and replace the flooring and paint the Betty Wilson Center.
- iii. *Measure A Grant*
Over the first 3 years since Measure A was approved, the City’s Measure A funded budget has grown to \$438,337.66. These funds must be spent in order to continuing accruing Measure A funding for park and open space improvements. Staff is currently working with the RPOSD on an application to receive funds at the tail-end of the project as a reimbursement. The Measure A funds will be used to improve the Los Nietos Park playground as the community has expressed a desire for new equipment for children to play on. The project will consist of the removal of all existing playground equipment, wood chips, expansion of the playground foot print to accommodate a 2-5 Year Old and 5-12 Year Old equipment zone. The construction of new sidewalk/curbs around the north end of the playground, relocation of light pole, installation of artificial turf as walking surface, removal/replacement of benches/trash receptacles and the restoration of impacted landscaping.

iv. *Prop 68 Grant*

On June 5, 2018, California voters approved Prop 68, also known as "Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018." The Prop 68 Per Capita Program offers funding for local park rehabilitation, creation, and improvement grants to local governments on a per capita basis. At the April 20, 2021 City Council meeting, council voted to add the Fitness Court project at Los Nietos Park to the Capital Improvement Plan and gave direction to staff to apply for the Prop 68 per capita funding. Construction began in December 2020 and the Fitness Court project is scheduled to be completed in January 2020.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM UPDATES – LEANNE IEZZA

a. **Parks and Recreation Services Division & Program Updates**

Ms. Iezza gave a brief recap of programs, events, and closures from the past twenty-two months. Refer to committee packet for a more detailed account.

b. **Parks & Recreation Services Division Upcoming Programs and Events**

Ms. Iezza gave a brief description of upcoming programs and events. Refer to the committee packet for a more detailed account.

9. OLD BUSINESS – LEANNE IEZZA

Nothing to discuss

10. NEW BUSINESS - LEANNE IEZZA

a. **Nomination and election of:**

i. Chairperson for 2022

Andrea Lopez nominated Peggy Radoumis. Francis Carbajal reminded the committee that there is a one year term limit and Peggy Radoumis has been chairperson for three terms. Andrea Lopez asked if she could nominate Doris Yarwood, who is not in attendance. Marcela Obregon nominated Francis Carbajal, Francis Carbajal accepts. Committee discussed if they wanted to wait to see if Doris Yarwood would like to run for Chairperson. After discussion, committee moved forward with elections. Jeannette Wolfe nominated Andrea Lopez. Andrea Lopez accepted. Francis Carbajal moved to close nominations, seconded by Laurie Rios. Votes were taken, Francis Carbajal was voted in as Sister City Chairperson for 2022.

ii. Vice-Chairperson for 2022

Peggy Radoumis nominated herself for vice-chairperson. Peggy Radoumis accepted nomination. Francis Carbajal nominated Marcella Obregon. Marcella Obregon declines nomination. No other nominations were made. Francis Carbajal motioned to close nominations, seconded by Peggy Radoumis. Peggy Radoumis was named Vice-Chairperson of Sister City for 2022.

• Treasurer for 2022

Committee discussed the term limit for treasurer position. Current treasurer is Jeannette Wolfe who has held position for approximately ten years. Election of treasurer has been tabled until further direction from City Clerk.

11. FINANCIAL REPORT* – JEANNETTE WOLFE


- Jeannette Wolfe named the up-coming bills and also stated that she has paid the bills during the pandemic while the Committee was dark.

- Marcella Obregon motioned to reimburse Peggy Radoumis \$505.77 for a bill accrued while Navojoa was visiting. Laurie Rios seconded the motion. Motion to reimburse Peggy Radoumis passes. Chairman Carbajal asked if Executive Secretary Iezza would ask the City to reimburse Sister City since there were multiple City representatives in attendance and only two Sister City members in attendance.
 - Chairperson Carbajal inquired about the past and upcoming taxes. Jeannette Wolf informed members that she has been in contact with the accountant and the taxes have been paid. They are currently working on up-coming taxes and all of the paperwork will be in order for the new treasurer.
12. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – FRANCIS CARBAJAL
Nothing to report. Chairperson Carbajal asked Executive Secretary Iezza to provide a list of subcommittees so that members can sign-up.
13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – LEANNE IEZZA
- Easter Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, April 16th.
 - Sister City US/Mexico Membership.
14. MEMBERCOMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - FRANCIS CARBAJAL
- a. Pancake Breakfast for 2022 Easter Event.
Committee discussed if they should proceed with the Breakfast due to Covid-19. Committee has decided to move forward with the Easter Breakfast.
 - b. Sister City International Membership
Executive Secretary informed the Committee that membership dues have been paid for June 2021 thru June 2022. Executive Secretary asked for contact information for the US/Mexico Sister City Membership. Francis Carbajal suggested that Ms. Iezza call Pico Rivera since they are in the same membership.
- Laurie Rios has a new great grandchild.
 - Jeannette Wolfe is grateful to still be on this committee. She is still in contact with several past students from student exchanges.
 - Andrea Lopez stated that Michelle Smith will be missed. She welcomed Leanne Iezza to the committee.
 - Mayor Mora suggested to the committee that they need more cooking space at the Pancake Breakfast in order to provide faster service.
 - Francis Carbajal thanked Mayor Mora for all of his help with Sister City. She is happy that we will be back to meeting in person soon. She thanked all committee members for their support.
 - Laurie Rios urged the committee not to forget to reimburse Peggy Radoumis.
 - Leanne Iezza announced that the next meeting will be via Zoom on February 7, 2022.
15. ADJOURNMENT - FRANCIS CARBAJAL
: Chairperson Carbajal adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 7, 2019 via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.



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