



**Santa Fe Springs Sister City Advisory Committee
Town Center Hall
Monday, February 7, 2022
Via Telecommunication**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Francis Carbajal called the meeting to order at 6:33 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, Charlotte Zevallos

Members Absent: Jacqueline Martinez, Doris Yarwood, Manny Zevallos

Staff: Leanne Iezza, Community Services Supervisor/Executive Secretary

Council Liaison: Juanita Trujillo, Council Liaison

Guests: Gus Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Division Services Manager

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PEGGY RADOUMIS, CHAIRPERSON
Nothing to report.
5. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 3, 2022 MINUTES*
A motion was made by Laurie Rios, and seconded by Martha Villanueva, to approve the Minutes of January 3, 2022. The motion was carried unanimously.
6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – JUANITA TRUJILLO, COUNCIL LIAISON
Council Liaison Trujillo touched on the following topics:
 - The General Plan is close to being finalized.
 - The City will host its annual 5K run on Saturday, March 12, 2022.
 - The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Los Nietos Park on Saturday, April 16, 2022.
 - Peggy Radoumis asked for information regarding the possible tear down of the buildings on the south/east corner of Imperial Hwy and Bloomfield Ave. Councilmember Trujillo said that she would follow up with Ms. Radoumis.
7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – LEANNE IEZZA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

a. **Qualified Electors** – Ms. Iezza informed the committee that the definition of Qualified Electors was outlined in the February 3 Committee Packet. Peggy Radoumis would like an explanation as to why the term is in certain paperwork produced by the City. Peggy will locate the paperwork she saw the term “Qualified Electors” on and share with Executive Secretary Leanne Iezza who will then inquire with the City Clerk again.

b. **Project Updates**

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

- The Fitness Court is currently being installed at Los Nietos Park in front of the Activity Center. There will be a ribbon cutting on the site at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2022. A brief video was shown to the Committee regarding the Fitness Court.
- Lakeview Playground has been fenced off since November 2021 due to unsafe parts on the apparatus. Parts were ordered but the parts have been delayed. There is no concrete date of reopening.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM UPDATES – LEANNE IEZZA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

- Parks and Recreation Services Division Upcoming Programs and Events
- The City’s contract classes have been postponed until March due to the elevated COVID-19 numbers. All outdoor programs are up and running.
- The Shamrock 5K Family Fun Run will be held on Saturday, March 12. There is a new component to the event, a Toddler Quarter Mile Dash.
- The City has started a Couch to 5K training program run by Parks and Recreation staff. The objective of this program is to prepare a person to participate in our City’s 5K Run.
- This year’s Penny Carnival will be virtual due to Covid precautions. There are grab and go craft kits at all four parks free to residents and virtual games with prizes. Staff is also painting rocks to leave around the parks for our President Rocks program.

9. OLD BUSINESS – LEANNE IEZZA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Nothing to discuss

10. NEW BUSINESS - LEANNE IEZZA

a. **Nomination and election of:**

- i. Nomination and election of Treasurer for 2022
Chairperson Carbajal opened the floor for nominations. There were no nominations or volunteers for this position. The position of Treasurer remains vacant.

11. FINANCIAL REPORT* – LEANNE IEZZA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

- a. Peggy Radoumis Reimbursement
Peggy Radoumis has received her reimbursement.

12. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – FRANCIS CARBAJAL, CHAIRPERSON

- a. Sub-Committee/Work Groups

Executive Secretary Iezza highlighted and defined the differences between a sub-committee and a work group. The Sister City Committee may create as many work groups as they would like.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – LEANNE IEZZA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

- Easter Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, April 16th. During a brief discussion, Chairperson Carbajal asked Executive Secretary Iezza for financial reports regarding the amount of profit made in past Pancake Breakfasts.
- Turkey Sister City. During the course of the conversation, Chairperson Carbajal asked Executive Secretary Iezza to send letters to our fellow Sister Cities informing them that Santa Fe Springs has a new Mayor and that Sister City has a new Council Liaison.

14. MEMBERCOMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - FRANCIS CARBAJAL, CHAIRPERSON

- Francis Carbajal wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.
- Marcela Obregon wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.
- Peggy Radoumis reminded everyone to upgrade their phones to 5G.
- Martha Villanueva asked everyone to stay healthy.

15. ADJOURNMENT - FRANCIS CARBAJAL, CHAIRPERSON

Peggy Radoumis motioned to adjourn the meeting, Chairperson Carbajal adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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



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