



**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE
Heritage Park Depot
Meeting of Tuesday, January 14, 2014**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Oblea at 5:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Sally Gaitan, Astrid Shesterkin, Merrie Hathaway, Amparo Oblea, Larry Oblea, Tony Reyes

Absent: Ed Duran (Excused), Mark Scoggins, Janet Smith (Excused), and Hilda Zamora

Council Liaisons: Councilmember, Richard Moore (Excused)
Mayor Pro-Tem, Laurie Rios

Staff: Hilary Keith, Director of Library Services Division

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Amparo Oblea and seconded by Astrid Gonzalez to approve the Minutes of October 2013. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Laurie Rios announced the appointment of Juanita Trujillo as Mayor. Laurie was appointed Mayor Pro-Tem.

Telegraph Construction Project – this project consists of repairs and strengthening of the street in preparation of the high usage anticipated by the Florence Avenue I-5 widening project closure. January 18 and 20 will be the last phase of traffic striping. The hours are from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., seven days a week until project is completed.

The athletic fields are closed through May for routine maintenance and renovations.

At the Aquatic Center, two spas were removed, due to maintenance cost and the infrequent use by the public.

Councilmember Moore and City Manager Thaddeus McCormack visited members of the Legislature at Sacramento to discuss the possibility of creating a new program that could replace the Redevelopment Program. In addition, they spoke with Assemblyman Calderon requesting his assistance with regards to Phibro Tech Company issues.

The Neighborly Elf Program held at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center assisted 214 families. VANS contributed shoes and clothing. The City Council will be recognizing all the volunteers that participated at their meeting of January 30, 2014. Seventeen homes were selected for the Christmas Home Decorating Contest. Homeowners will be recognized at a future City Council meeting.

This was the 30th year the City has presented the Santa Float Program. Approximately 4,000 people were visited throughout the community.

4. HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIASON REPORT

Chair Oblea reported that the Committee is in discussions with the Department of Public Works on the possibility of bringing in a splash pad to one of the City parks and introducing an art feature. The Department of Public Works is conducting a study of options and cost analysis. Also, staff is working on creating an Art Walk map for the community to enjoy the various Art In Public Places art pieces and focus on health and wellness. In addition, the Committee is introducing a Traffic Signal Cabinet Artwork Pilot Program, commencing with the cabinet located at the northeast corner of Telegraph Road and Orr and Day Road. Art renderings from artist are pending.

The status of the following Art In Public Places art pieces are in pending:

- *The Archer*, Takata family donated art piece, is pending arrangements to be made for delivery;
- *El Greco, Whispering Shadows* art piece, is yet to be completed; and
- *The Journey* art piece is pending various studies, including state architect mandates and cost analysis. The art piece is being stored at the City warehouse.

5. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

- a. **Historical Book Sales Report** - Hilary Keith gave an overview report for FY 2013/2014 on the Historical Book Sales. She also stated that the City was reimbursed in full.

Current balance: \$242.82 after paying back the City.

Total Historical Book Sales: \$110.40

Total Royalties: \$147.88 period of January 1, 2014 to present.

Balance from \$500 Grant: \$200 after purchase of scanner.

6. SUPER COMMITTEE LIASON REPORT

Chair Oblea mentioned that the committee is in the process of finalizing the City-Wide Advisory Committee's Code of Conduct Policy. The committee will meet at the end of this month for further discussion and once finalized, will make their recommendation to the City Council for their approval.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **2008 Legacy Project Video** - Hilary Keith reported on the 50th year anniversary video where couples were invited to share their stories. The video is in need of editing. Hilary asked members to review and bring back their feedback to move

forward on this project. Gilbert Aguirre will contact someone he knows and report back at the next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. ***Cost Analysis of Framed Historical Photos as Fundraiser*** - At the last meeting, the committee discussed the possibility of having a fundraiser by selling vintage photographs. Hilary presented a sample of an image mounted on wood made available by vendor at the Farmers Market. The cost is estimated at \$14 each to produce. She proposed that a subcommittee select four photographs that best represent the city or possibly having patrons bring in a photograph of their choice. Hilary will bring back two samples of historical images mounted on the wood base to next meeting for further discussion.

Also, members are encouraged to bring in historical photographs to be scanned.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- City Advisory Committees Code of Conduct Policy
- Historical Committee By-Laws

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hilary reported on the following community presentations at the Library:

- Literacy Author Day, Jan 31, 2014 – School children read the featured author’s book and the author visits schools. A luncheon is held with selected children at the Library Cesar Chavez Garden to meet and get acquainted with the author. The author will also be signing books. Over 800 children from our school community participate.
- Diabetes Clinic at the Library Community Room on January 25, 2014.
- Valentine’s Programs in February including, Misery Loves Company and Hearts and Crafts.
- Little Learners Program at the Library – A \$14,000 grant from the state was received. Each child receives a backpack to prepare children for early literacy and be ready to learn at school. Sessions are held on Saturday’s. The curriculum includes science and social studies.

11. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the Heritage Park Depot at 5:30 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Oblea adjourned the meeting to at 6:14 p.m.

Prepared By: Teresa Clift,
Administrative Clerk II



Hilary Keith,
Director of Library Services Division