



FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (GVNC)

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Ted Radoumis called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Margaret Bustos, David Diaz-Infante, Gloria Duran, Lydia Gonzales, Arcelia Miranda, Ted Radoumis, Annette Rodriguez Dolores Romero, Dr. Linda Vallejo, Hilda Zamora, Manuel Zevallos, Martha Villanueva

Members Absent: Debbie Belmontes

Council Liaison: Mayor Laurie Rios
Councilmember William K. Rounds

Staff: Maricela Balderas, Director of the Department of Community Services (Excused)
Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary
Maritza Sosa-Nieves, Management Assistant (Excused)
Manuel Cantu, Program Coordinator (Excused)
Sylvia Arias, Head Teacher
Erika Valle, Office Aide

Guests: Ed Duran
Billy Villa and Anissa Rodriguez of T.E.E.N.S. Program
Laurie Aguilar, Community Services Program Leader I
Michael Ceballos, Community Services Program Leader I
Aimee Espinoza, Program Specialist

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Manuel Zevallos and seconded by Dr. Linda Vallejo to approve the Minutes of March 18, 2015. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Laurie Rios reported on the following events and programs:

- The City will celebrate “National Volunteer Week” with a special reception for all City volunteer’s on Friday, April 17, 2015.

- First annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast – Thursday, April 16, 2015, at Town Center Hall, 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. All tickets were sold.
- Children's Day – Saturday, April 18, 2015, at Heritage Park, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Meet the Mayor – every last Friday of every month beginning on Friday, April 24, 2015, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- The City Library will host *Brass Pacifica* for First Friday May 1, 2015 7:00 p.m.
- Art Fest- May 8, 2015 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. If you would like to sponsor the event please contact Ed Ramirez.

In addition, Mayor Rios announced the Sizzler property on Telegraph is in escrow with Salt & Pepper, and Starbucks is expected to open in mid-May. Lastly, Mayor Rios reported that the Council Sub-Committee will meet next month to discuss water restrictions.

Councilmember William Rounds reported on the following:

The City Council is considering water conservation measures of 25% by residents and business residents. Also, a new construction project is underway to replace the refinery equipment at previous Powerine site with new warehouse buildings. Lastly, 150 apartments at The Villages are almost completed.

5. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- New Staff** - Ed introduced new staff at the G.V.N.C:
Aimee Espinosa- Program Specialist
Mike Ceballos and Laurie Aguilar- Community Services Program Leader I
- T.E.E.N.S Program Presentation**- Guest Billy Villa and Anissa Rodriguez gave a short speech of their positive experience with the T.E.E.N.S program.

In addition Ed announced the upcoming programs and events for T.E.E.N.S.

- *College Bound* - coming soon with Boys & Girls Club, MOU is being finalized.
- *Speak Smart* – public speaking workshop, Wednesday, May 13, 2015
6:00-8:00 p.m. (GVNC)
- *I Wish I knew* - advice for new college students, Wednesday, May 27, 2015
6:00- 8:00 p.m. (GVNC)
- *Eating Healthy Never Tasted So Good* - healthy eating and cooking workshop for families and teens, Wednesday, August 26, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ed reported on the following:

- Children's Clothing Drive Update** - Ed gave an overview of the Children's Clothing Drive. The event was well organized and the Center received plenty of clothing items. A total of 141 children were served.

- b. **Whole Child Family Housing Proposal** - The office to be utilized by Whole Child is being prepared for their arrival and the expected move in date is May 1, 2015. The Whole Child is funded by Los Angeles County and serves Santa Fe Springs residents and surrounding cities.
- c. **Special Olympics** - Due to the low enrollment, the process for track and field is running a bit slow. Ed and staff will continue working on implementing the program.
- d. **Art Fest 2015 Update** – Friday, May 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Music entertainment will be provided by bands including a Jazz singer and Trio band. Food will be provided by Pescado Mojado, El Tepeyac, Crapes & Grapes, and Geezers. Only two free food items and two free drinks will be served. Anything after that will need to be purchased. 204 artist applications have been submitted; however, only 150 will be selected. Wayne Healy and David Botello, two well-known artists, will be present and highlighted in this event. Also, a videographer has been contracted to video tape the event.
- e. **Family Fun Run/Walk Update** - Saturday, June 6, 2015 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The City is putting together a fun and informative event for the community at Lake Center Athletic Park. A layout will be provided at the next meeting. 40 agencies and vendors are expect to participate to provide resources to the community. Also, a rock wall will be available for the youth to enjoy and a munchkin run will take place for young children. Advertising will begin next month after May 8, 2015 Art Fest event.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES SECTION

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- 1) **Case Management Marketing Flyers** - New flyers to promote case management services to the community were distributed to members for their viewing.

b. CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION

Silvia Arias reported on the following:

- 1) **Child Care Update** – The week of the young child which took place April 6-10 was a success, children participated in different activities each day. Family night went well, families enjoyed a concert and picnic dinner. The book fair collected \$2,000 which will be used to purchase new books for the children. Child Care Food Program Analyst review will take place April 27, 2015 to ensure that the site is serving the correct food.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Orange County Food Distribution- May 20, 2015
- Volunteer Recognition- April 17, 2015 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Healthy Tip Handout -

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Santa Fe Springs Sister City Committee will have a fireworks booth on Norwalk Boulevard, at the Food-4-Less entrance.
- The Easter Pancake Breakfast had a high turnout by the public. Funds collected will benefit the youth trip to Germany. Ten students have signed up for the trip next year.
- The Whole Child continues to receive referrals. 11 referrals from G.V.N.C., 18 from Little Lake School district and 28 from Los Nietos School District were received.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Family Housing Presentation
- Back to School Back Pack Program

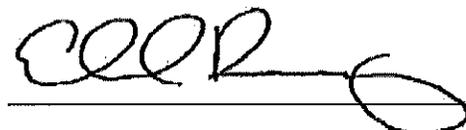
11. ADJOURNMENT- TED RADOUMIS

Chair Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Family and Human Services Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 5:45 p.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Room No. 1, 9255 Pioneer Boulevard, Santa Fe Springs, CA.



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Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary