



HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center - Meeting Room No. 1
Meeting of July 28, 2015

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Albert Hayes called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance: Francis Carbajal, Albert Hayes, Paula Minnehan, Pauline Moore, Amparo Oblea, Larry Oblea, May Sharp, Marlene Vernava, and May Sharp

City Staff: Richard Moore, City Council Liaison
Mayor Pro Tem Laurie Rios, City Council Liaison Alternate
Maricela Balderas, Director of the Community Services Department
Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary/Community Services Supervisor
Wayne Morrell, Director of Planning & Development
Maritza Sosa-Nieves, Management Assistant
Aimee Espinoza, Program Specialist
Teresa Clift, Administrative Clerk II

Guests: Adam Matsumoto, Parks and Recreation Division Services Manager,
City of Santa Fe Springs

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Larry Oblea and seconded by Amparo Oblea to approve the Minutes of June 30, 2015 as amended. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following amendment was made:

ITEM 8 OLD BUSINESS, Section d. Status Report of Consultant Margaret Hammon, to read:

Section d. Art In Public Places Restoration of Art Work Status Report from Consultant Margaret Hammon.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor Laurie Rios reported that the City Library has introduced “Knitting for Heroes” program for Operation Gratitude care packages sent to military servicemen and woman. The program is ongoing through August 31 at which time, completed scarfs may be delivered to the City Library and staff will prepare for shipping.

5. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

a. **Project Updates** – This item is tabled to the August 25, 2015 meeting.

Director of Planning Wayne Morrell reported that the City Council at their meeting of July 9, 2015 approved the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) proposal. Also, with the

collaboration of Supervisor Knabe's Office, the owner of the MRF has agreed to conduct public meetings once a month on a Saturday to tour the facility and to answer any concerns and questions the community may have, once the facility is in operation. In addition, the owner is committed in sponsoring school events and has agreed to contact the local schools to establish an educational component by creating recycling programs and offering educational tours of the facility.

Director of Planning Wayne Morrell provided a status report on new businesses moving into the city including a supermarket proposal at the former bowling alley site at Telegraph Road and Painter Avenue and it is currently in the approval process stage. Staff is also continuously working on bringing in a market into the Promenade Shopping Center; however, due to the 99 Cents Store's lease agreement, a provision stipulates to exclude other major groceries stores. Spices new banquet facility. Furthermore, U.S. Corrugated, Inc. and Gelson Food Distributors will be moving in next to the Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet and currently both companies are seeking employees. Individuals interested in applying may contact SASSFA WorkSource in Santa Fe Springs who is coordinating the application process and conducting the interviews. Lastly, Salt and Pepper Restaurant has bought the previous Sizzler Restaurant located at Telegraph Road and Pioneer Boulevard and the Department of Planning is in the process of reviewing plans to expand the west side of the building. Mr. Morrell will keep members apprised.

9. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Maricela Balderas reported on the following:

- a. ***Parks & Recreation Services Division Manager, Adam Matsumoto*** – Maricela introduced new Parks and Recreation Services Division Manager Adam Matsumoto to the Committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. ***Nominations/Election of HAAC Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson*** – Mr. Ramirez shared with members that due to two members who were appointed as liaisons from the Historical Committee and from the Beautification Committee to the HAAC and whose appointments expired on June 30, 2015, their respective committees have yet to conduct nomination/election of officers for fiscal year 2015/2016. Therefore, the following three options were considered by the members:

Option 1: That the Committee not accept the nominations of the Historical Committee Liaison and the Beautification Committee Liaison for the position of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson to the HAAC and move forward with the nomination and election of officers fiscal year 2015/2016 of other HAAC members and that these two individuals may be included in the nomination/election process of other HAAC members.

Option 2: That the Committee conduct its nomination and election of officers for fiscal year 2015/2016 with the understanding that if the current liaisons are nominated and elected for the position of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and are replaced as appointed liaisons to the HAAC by their respective committees, new nominations/elections will be held by the HAAC at that time. A motion was made by Amparo Oblea and seconded by Marlene Vernava to approve Option 2 and discussion ensued.

Option 3: That the Committee postpone its election of officers for fiscal year 2015/2016 until the month of September when the City Clerk has confirmed all liaison appointees from the Beautification Committee, Historical Committee, and the Chamber of Commerce to the HAAC. A motion was made by Pauline Moore and seconded by Pauline Minnehan to approve Option 3 and discussion ensued.

In a majority vote, the Committee elected Option 3. Vote: Yaes-7; Naes-0

- b. **Red Ribbon Traffic Signal Cabinet Graffiti** – Ed Ramirez reported that the artwork sustained graffiti this past week. The Department of Public Works Graffiti Crew removed the graffiti; however, there may be further paint restoration needed. The artist has been contacted. Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised.
- c. **Theft of “The Construction Worker” Art Piece** – The bronze statue located at 10704 Shoemaker Avenue and privately owned by the Kiewit Company was reported stolen on July 2. A police report was filed and Mr. Ramirez has been in contact the site manager. Mr. Ramirez will be conducting a monthly walkthrough of art in public places artwork throughout the city. He will also contact consultant Margaret Hammon to inform her of the situation and obtain her recommendations. Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Project Status Report** – Ed Ramirez distributed a copy of the Art in Public Places Program Project Status Report to members for their review. An update will be given on the 2015 Art Fest Program, Sculpture Garden Signage Project, and Cannonball art piece at the meeting in August 25, 2015.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Items were tabled to the August 25, 2015 meeting.

9. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Maricela Balderas reported on the following:

- b. **Fiestas Patrias** – This year’s theme is based on the state of Jalisco, Mexico and will be held on Friday, September 11, 2015 at the Town Center Plaza. Festivities will feature Hector Dominguez, female mariachi group *Ellas*, Company Band, and Carolina Russek folklorico dancers. A children’s zone, shuttle from Los Nietos Park to Town Center, a beer garden, and variety of food options are also being planned.
- c. **“Picassos in the Park”** – An art camp for children ages 8 to 12 years old was offered at Heritage Park from July 13 – 24, 2015. Under the guidance of a contracted artist, children were able to learn various art techniques and mediums.

- d. **Library Division Secures Grant** – A grant of \$3,000 was awarded to the City Library by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. These funds will enable the Library to host Latino American historical workshops starting in September, which will include an author who will speak on immigration issues and also a genealogical expert from the Hispanic Society of California, specifically aimed for Hispanic families to assist them in starting their genealogical background research. An informational brochure was distributed to members.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **Art Fest 2016** – Mayor Rios, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Director Maricela Balderas, and Executive Secretary Ed Ramirez met with the new proposed art consultant to discuss programming of the 2016 two-day event. An outline and list of the art consultant’s responsibilities will be brought to the August 25, 2015 meeting for the Committee’s review and discussion. The consultant’s agreement for Art Fest 2016 will be submitted to the City Council for their approval.

Also, staff will give a recap on Art Fest 2015.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **Review and Approval of Art Education Grant Submittals FY 2015/2016** – The Committee agreed to set the budget for Art Education Grant Awards FY 2015/2016 at \$40,000.

Members reviewed and discussed the Art Education Grant Application Proposals for fiscal year 2015/2016.

A motion was made by Pauline Moore and seconded by Marlene Vernava to approve and recommend to the City Council to award the total sum of \$39,776.92 for the Art Education Grant Funds FY 2015/2016. This item will be presented to the City Council for their review and approval at their meeting of August 13, 2015

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- b. **Financial Report Fiscal Year 2014/2015 through June 2015** - Ed Ramirez provided an overview of Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Financial Report for period ending June 2015. Copies were distributed to the Committee members for their review. Total Fund Balance: \$1,163,989.00.

A motion was made by Larry Oblea and seconded by Pauline Moore to approve the financial report for period ending June 2015 as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

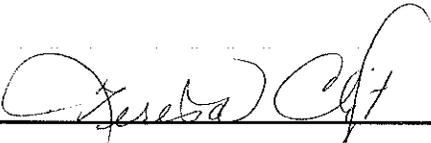
10. FUTURE AGENDA

- Art Grant Guidelines for fiscal year 2016/2017.

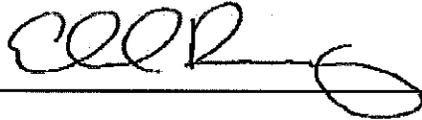
12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hayes adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on August 25, 2015, at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Room No. 1, at 9:00 a.m.



Prepared By: Teresa Cliff,
Administrative Clerk, II



Ed Ramirez,
Executive Secretary

