



**HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Center Hall, Meeting Room No. 1
Meeting of Tuesday, August 25, 2015**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Debbie Baker, Francis Carbajal, Sally Gaitan, Albert Hayes, Paula Minnehan, Pauline Moore, Amparo Oblea, Marlene Vernava, and May Sharp (Member Emeritus)

Council Liaison: Mayor Laurie Rios

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Moore

Staff: Maricela Balderas, Community Services Director
Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary
Wayne Morrell, Director of Planning
Maritza Sosa-Nieves, Management Assistant
Aimee Espinoza, Program Specialist
Teresa Clift, Administrative Clerk II/Recording Secretary

Guest: Al Fuentes, Consultant, City of Santa Fe Springs
Cuong Nguyen, Senior Planner, City of Santa Fe Springs
Larry Oblea

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Paula Minnehan and seconded by Pauline Moore to approve the Minutes of July 28, 2015 as corrected. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Rios reminded members regarding the water conservation policy approved by the City Council and were encouraged to remind friends and neighbors of the watering schedule policy. Watering is limited to twice a week only. Residents north of Lakeland Road may water on Mondays and Thursdays only before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.

Also, Southern California Edison is underway with its circuit replacement project involving the replacement of 123 poles, installation of 45 transformers, and the upgrading of conduit lines. 72-hour advance notification will be given to residents being affected. The program started on July 6 and is anticipated to be completed by January 2016.

Mayor Rios also reported on the following events and programs:

- Fiestas Patrias Celebration - Friday, September 11, 2015 at Town Center from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Great ShakeOut Drill - October, 15, 2015 at 10:15
- Pumpkin Carving at all City Parks - October 22, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.
- Red Ribbon Week and Parade - week of October 23-31, 2015 with parade on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
- Sugar Skull Workshop - October 24, 2015 at Heritage Park at 10:00 a.m.
- Creepy Crafts – October 26, 2015 at the City Library at 3:30 – 4:30
- Haunted House – October 29 – 31, 2015 at the Activity Center at 6:00 p.m. Discount coupons available at Town Center Hall.
- Halloween Carnival and Costume Parade – October 31, 2015 at Los Nietos Park at 5:30 p.m.
- Native American Pow Wow – November 7 – 8, 2015, at Heritage Park at 10:00 a.m.
- Relay for Life Potato Bake Fundraiser – September 27, 2015 at the Fire Department Headquarters at 11:30 a.m.
- Gus's Kitchen – Donations are needed at the G.V.N.C. A list was distributed to members

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Moore reported that at the next City Council meeting members will be issuing a commendation to Cherri's Donuts for its support and dedication to the youth of Santa Fe Springs.

5. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Consultant Al Fuentes reported on the following:

- a. ***Cannon Ball Installation Update*** – Mr. Fuentes gave an update on the installation of the art piece. The base area, as per the HAAC recommendation, has been established adjacent to the flag pole. Measures are being taken by securing art piece with steel rods into the concrete pedestal as well as in the sculpture itself and installing lighting. Members viewed mockup of aesthetic of pedestal selected by the HAAC and approved by the CIP Subcommittee. In addition, it was determined by the Director of Public Works that based on the scope of the project, it would be feasible to complete the work internally, and therefore, requests for proposals from outside entities were not solicited and funds were allocated through the Aquatic Center operation maintenance budget. Mr. Fuentes will keep members apprised.

Clarification was given on the original recommendation made by the HAAC to City Council in regards to the selection of the art piece flagpole site, position of orientation of sculpture, and selection of the base surface and pedestal base surface, as per the Minutes of May 26, 2015. It was deemed that the recommendation to City Council was appropriately made and was in-line with the City's process.

6. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

Wayne Morrell reported on the following:

Mr. Morrell introduced Senior Planner Cuong Nguyen who will report to the HAAC in his absence. Mr. Morrell gave an overview of new businesses coming to Santa Fe Springs. Staff met with parties from Aldi Supermarket who has expressed interest in constructing a market at the corner of Painter Avenue and Telegraph Road, at the former bowling alley. In addition, the Department is in the process of reviewing the plans for a Salt and Pepper Restaurant to move into the former Sizzler site. Renovations to the façade and an addition to west side of the building are being proposed and the site has been cleared of debris. Also, a Starbucks is moving into the east side of the previous Mandarin Inn Restaurant site. The west side of the building is planned to be subdivided into a 4 – 5 tenant space.

Staff is finalizing drought tolerant guidelines for residential areas that illustrates pallet of plants and materials that can be interchangeable based on lot location. Once completed, it will be presented to the City Council for their approval. Also, the Department has selected a home located on Bartley Avenue as a showcase home and will be replacing the front landscaping with drought tolerant materials and irrigation to promote drought tolerant plant design.

Lastly, The Promenade Shopping Center is in the process of painting, installing some stonework, and establishing drought tolerant materials.

Chair Hayes excused Mr. Morrell and Mr. Nguyen at 9:43 a.m.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Introduction and Welcome to New Members** – Mr. Ramirez welcomed and introduced new members Debbie Baker and Sally Gaitan.
- b. **Committee Member Name Badges** - Badges were distributed to newest members. Anyone needing a new badge may contact Mr. Ramirez.
- c. **Financial Report** – Mr. Ramirez gave an overview of the Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 period ending the June 30, 2015 and Fiscal Year 2015/2016 through July 30, 2015 and a copy was distributed to members. Balance: FY 2014/2015 \$869,193.00; FY 2015/2016 \$870,398.00.

A motion was made by Pauline Moore and seconded by Amparo Oblea to approve the financial report for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 period ending the June 30, 2015 and Fiscal Year 2015/2016 through July 30, 2015 as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

- d. **Art in Public Places Restoration Report from Consultant Margaret Hammon** – Members were informed of findings by consultant Margaret Hammon regarding the restoration of the following art pieces as follows:
 - 1) *Complete Abstraction*, sculpture located on Pioneer Boulevard. The property owner has agreed to pay for the cost of the restoration of the art piece. Cost

estimate is \$2,230. Staff will be working with Silverlake Conservation to commence the restoration work.

- 2) *Orange Harvest*, sculpture located on Hathaway Drive. There is No CC&R on record. Ms. Hammon had a discussion with artist Richard Ellis regarding possibly redoing a new piece and moving the art piece to either the Sculpture Garden or a new location within the City.
- 3) *Eternal Springs*, sculpture located at Telegraph Road. A negotiation was made with Sun Lee Company to pay half of the restoration cost of \$1,780.00 in the amount of \$875.00.

A recommendation was made that the HAAC approve that the Eternal Springs business owner, Sun Lee Company, pay half of the restoration cost in the amount of \$875.00 and that the City of Santa Fe Springs pay the other half of the restoration cost in the amount of \$875.00. A motion was made by Marlene Vernava and seconded by Paula Minnehan to approve sharing the total cost of \$1,780 .00 between the business owner, Sun Lee Company, and the City in the amount of \$875.00 each and discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Amparo Oblea and seconded by Pauline Moore that the HAAC recommend to the City Council to approve entering into an agreement with the Sun Lee Company authorizing to share the restoration cost of \$1,780.00 in the amount of \$875.00 and to approve an amount not to exceed of \$1,000.00 from Art In Public Places funds, constituting the City's share for the restoration of the Internal Springs art piece. The motion was carried unanimously.

Members will be kept apprised on the future progress of all three art sculptures.

- e. **Project Status Report** – A copy of the Art in Public Places Program Project Status Report was distributed to members for their review. Mr. Ramirez announced that marketing kick-off materials for Art Fest 2016 will be distributed to the community at Fiestas Patrias and the Committee will have a booth. More information will be provided at the next meeting regarding the Sculpture Garden signage pending discussion with company that provided a quote. In addition, the Cannonball installation is in progress.
- f. **City Council presentation Gloria Duran, Larry Oblea, and Tom Summerfield**
It was announced that these members will be recognized at the next City Council meeting for their commitment and involvement in providing their incite to the HAAC.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Art in Public Places Monitoring Plan** – In collaboration with the Department of Public Works, staff is in the process of establishing a security monitoring system plan that would assist with the state of condition of all Art In Public Places art

pieces. A proposed plan will be brought before the Committee in the future. Any recommendations may be directed to Ed Ramirez.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Signal Traffic Cabinet Box Artwork Update** – It was previously reported that there was graffiti vandalism on the “Red Ribbon” themed traffic signal cabinet art work at the corner of Telegraph Road and Jersey Avenue and the graffiti has now been removed. Mr. Ramirez is in the process of discussions with the Department of Public Works related to solution used to remove graffiti and establishing guidelines to follow before the removal of any graffiti on Art In Public Places art pieces, which will include prior notification to Mr. Ramirez and the artist. For future reference, it was recommended that future art pieces include the submittal of appropriate and safe removal solutions, as suggested by the artist.
- b. **The Construction Worker Art Piece Update** – It was reported that the Police Department has arrested an individual that was found with evidence of possession of the art piece. Also, members were informed that the Kiewit Company did not have an insurance policy to cover damages or losses incurred to the art piece. Staff is in the process of reviewing the current Developer Guide and Ordinance as well as reviewing security options. Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised.
- c. **Art Education Grants Updated Spreadsheet** - Members received final report of Art in Public Places Art Grant awards, which were approved by the City Council at their meeting of August 13, 2015. Chair Hayes gave an overview of the program to the new HAAC members.
- d. **SFS Art Fest 2015 Final Report** – Mr. Ramirez gave an overview of the financial report for SFS Art Fest 2015 and explained that the City made an investment this year in equipment for future events. A copy was distributed to members. Chair Hayes gave an overview to the new members of the SFS Art Fest program and shared HAAC program goals for the future. Chair Hayes recommended that staff submit this program to the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Excellence Award Program.
- e. **SFS Art Fest 2016 Planning Update** - Members received a copy of a proposal for a two-day event. Mr. Ramirez reported that this year, the Community Services Department will be taking a departmental approach in collaboration with Director of Library Services Division Joyce Ryan and Parks & Recreation Services Manager Adam Matsumoto in putting together the two-day event planned for Friday, May 13, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 14, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. - 8 p.m. Duties will be divided by each division. The following proposed ideas by the Division Managers and Supervisor were presented to the HAAC members:
 - Friday event - silent auction, additional entertainment, redesigning layout by utilizing parking area, utilizing front walkways for overflow, additional revenue from sponsorships/fund raisers and from the community.

- Saturday event – a family and youth driven event, introduce educational component by hosting educational workshops that are staff and professionally driven, a book mark competition, additional entertainment, i.e., u-tube entertainers and street performers, t-shirt vendor, introduction of various art mediums, i.e., live chalk artists, glass blowing artists, face painting, balloon artists, street artist, muralists on canvas, caricature artists, finger painters, food art, floral art, sand art, poetry designated area, performing arts, canned good art sculptures, water colors.
- Overall event - the removal of the Library art display component, moving track system to Clarke Estate and having the HAAC select a few pieces for display after the event, and that the HAAC select a feature artist for next year. Other ideas shared with members included, \$250 set vendor fee for two-day event, having community residents participate in themed art piece and show case in the following year's event, and utilizing greater marketing opportunities through social media and promoting at City-wide events.

Staff met with the proposed consultant Sandra Hahn to review and discuss the consultant's role and responsibilities including marketing, working with restaurants, and handling of artwork, including the hanging and returning of artwork to owner. Ms. Hahn will be participating in the staff discussions and the preparation process regarding the SFS Art Fest and will be bringing this concept to the L.A. Commission Board of Art. The City will manage in-house the application intake, fees, cataloguing, and provide all pertinent information to the consultant. Staff is in the process of drafting an agreement and presenting it to the City Council for their approval in September.

- f. ***Nominations for Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson, FY 2015-2016*** - The nomination of officers will be held at the September meeting.

10. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

Maricela Balderas reported on the following:

- a. ***Fiestas Patrias*** - September 11, 2015 at Town Center Plaza from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. An informational flyer was distributed to members.
- b. ***PIH Health Workshops at GVNC*** – In collaboration with PIH, the Center is hosting various health and wellness 6-week session workshops. English session was held July 13, 2015 - Aug 17, 2015 and the Spanish session is September 14 – October 19, 2015. All sessions are free to the public.
- c. ***Summer Concerts at Heritage Park*** – Mariachi Bellas will be performing on Friday, August 28, 2015.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- HAPP Ordinance 1054

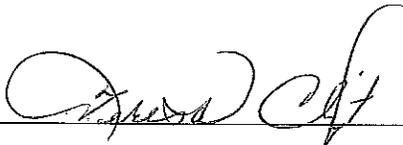
- Goals for Mission Statement-information will be provided in SFS Art Fest brochure to sponsors.

12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Rios and Mayor Pro Tem commended Larry Oblea for his service to the Committee.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hayes adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.



Prepared by: Teresa Clift,
Administrative Clerk, II



Ed Ramirez,
Executive Secretary