



FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER
Wednesday, June 17, 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, Ted Radoumis, Annette Rodriguez, Dolores Romero, Dr. Linda Vallejo, Martha Villanueva, and Hilda Zamora

Members Excused: Debbie Belmontes, Lydia Gonzales, and Manuel Zevallos

Council Liaison: Mayor Laurie Rios

Staff: Maricela Balderas, Director of the Department of Community Services (Excused)
Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary
Maritza Sosa-Nieves, Management Assistant
Manuel Cantu, Program Coordinator
Judi Manalisay, Children's Services Administrator
Teresa Cliff, Administrative Clerk II

Guest: Ed Duran

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Linda Vallejo and seconded by Martha Villanueva to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2015. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Laurie Rios reported on the following:

The City Council has passed measures restricting watering to two days only per week. Residents living north of Lakeland Road may water on Monday and Thursday and residents living south of Lakeland Road may water on Tuesday and Friday. Watering will be allowed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Residents who do not abide to the watering schedule will receive notice. Fines up to \$1,000 may be incurred.

New businesses recently opened in the City include Barbeque Pit, Jamba Juice, Starbuck's Coffee, and Lolita's Café at Heritage Park.

Members were alerted regarding various scams that are being targeted towards older adults.

A public hearing will be held at the Planning Commission meeting of Monday, June 22 at City Hall, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss proposal by Western Waste Management to establish a Material Recovery Waste Facility (MRF) Norwalk Boulevard north of Los Nietos Road. Members were encouraged to attend.

The City Council also passed an illegal fireworks ordinance fining individuals \$1,000. Members were encouraged to attend the 4th of July celebration at Los Nietos Park. Entertainment will be provided by The Chico Band and food will be sold.

A number of complaints have been received regarding individuals not picking up pet waste from public areas. Members were asked to remind their neighbors to pick up after their pets.

Mayor Rios also announced the following events and programs:

- Family Beach Trips: July 5 – Bus leaves Little Lake Park and Santa Fe Springs Park at 11:00 a.m. and on July 29 Los Nietos and Lakeview Park
- Summer Concerts at Heritage Park – Beach Boy tribute, July 31; Beatles tribute, Aug 7; Mariachi group, Aug 28, at 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Free Movie Nights at Town Center Plaza – July 17, August 7, and September 4, at 8:15 p.m.
- General Municipal Election – November 3. Last day to register to vote is October 19, 2015.

5. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Chair and Vice Chair Nominations/Elections** - Members conducted nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for fiscal year 2015/2016. In a majority vote members elected Ted Radoumis as Chairperson and Dr. Linda Vallejo as Vice-Chairperson and they accepted the positions.
- b. **Farmers Market Extended Hours, July Events** – During the month of July the farmers market will host various free community events during extended hours from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Promotional flyers have been distributed at various city sites and amongst the community. Members shared their ideas in promoting further this event to the public.
- c. **Family and Human Services Advisory Committee** – Ed reminded members that the committee will not be meeting during the months of July, August, September and December. The committee will reconvene in October.

Chair Radoumis excused Gloria Duran from the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

- d. **Financial Report** – Ed Ramirez provided an overview of the Financial Report for FY 2014/2015 for period ending April 30, 2015. Balance: \$80,640.28

A motion was made by Hilda Zamora and seconded by Dolores Romero to approve the Financial Report for FY 2014/2015 for the period ending April 30, 2015. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Family Fun Run/Walk Event Recap** – Ed gave an overview of the event. The event was well attended. Individuals were able to receive resources from 40 agencies. The City received in-kind donations totaling \$ and monetary sponsorship donations - \$. July 9 all sponsors will be recognized by the City Council. Staff is planning for next year's event.
- b. **Whole Child Family Housing Program Update** – Estimated move in date is in the month of July. The Housing Program, in relation to funding, possibly may receive a grant that will increase the number of families assisted through the program.
- c. **Community Service Department Activities and Events** – A calendar of activities and events was distributed to members.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES SECTION

- a. **Fashion Friday, July 31, 2015** – In collaboration with the Abigail Foundation and in effort to promote donations to the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center Community Closet, a fashion truck event will be held at the GVNC, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., where residents may donate their used clothing and receive a discount to purchase new items.
- b. **Back to School Backpack Program, August 6, 2015** – In collaboration with the Rotary Club, the GVNC will be distributing backpacks to youths. Also, the City Library is donating backpacks for this cause. In addition, a clothing giveaway will be coordinated during this event for students participating in the Backpack program.
- c. **TEENS Programming** – Students from the Youth Leadership and TEENS programs partook in a get acquainted gathering at the beach on Friday, June 12. A hike to Eaton Cannon on July 10, 2015 is scheduled as part of health and wellness initiative. Staff is also planning for the new fiscal year to present college bound programs in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club at the GVNC on Monday – Friday, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Parks and Recreation Division offers programs and activities geared toward middle school age students known as "The Club." Students meet at the Town Center Hall.

- d. **Covered California/City Reimbursement to FHS Fund** – The GVNC will be transitioning into a certified application program. Reimbursement for assisting patrons with the enrollment process will no longer be in effect. GVNC caseworkers will be identified as In-Person Assisters. Since the inception of the program the Family and Human Services fund received a total reimbursement of \$6,400. Individuals needing to be enrolled or renew their insurance policies may contact the GVNC to arrange for an appointment.

b. **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION**

- 1) **Child Care Update** – Judi Manalisay reported that last night a graduation ceremony for children who are moving on to kindergarten was held at Town Center Hall. Graduation for Los Nietos children was held on June 12 at the Activity Center. The child care program at Los Nietos has ended for the year. Enrollment process has begun for the fall. The school age program will be collaborating with Parks & Recreation staff where they will be combining the day camp programs. The Tot camp will be held at Los Nietos Park, Day Camp will be held at Lakeview Park, and older children will be at Town Center Hall. Also, extended care will be held at Lakeview Park. Registration is available at the Town Center Hall.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Orange County Food Distribution- July 15, 2015
- City Facilities closed Friday, July 3rd - 4th of July Holiday
- Healthy Tip Handout
- Fiestas Patrias - September 11, 2015, at Town Center Plaza 6:00 p.m.–11:30 p.m.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Sister City Committee Fireworks booth at Food For Less on Washington Boulevard/Norwalk Boulevard.
- Leaf Foundation, Little Lake School District Fireworks booth at Pioneer Boulevard/Clarkman Avenue.
- Hollywood Walk of Fame for Older Adults at the GVNC, June 18, 2015, 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.

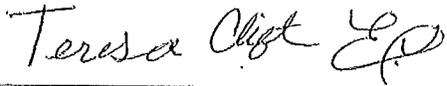
10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Fiestas Patrias Event
- Holiday Events

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Family and Human Services Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 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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Administrative Clerk, II



Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary