



**HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center  
Meeting Room No. 1  
Meeting of Tuesday, February 23, 2016**

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Amparo Oblea called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

*Members Present:* Debbie Baker, Francis Carbajal, Gabriel Jimenez, Pauline Moore, Amparo Oblea, Laurie Rios, Marlene Vernava and May Sharp (Member Emeritus)

*Members Excused:* Sally Gaitan

*Council Liaison:* Mayor Richard Moore (Excused)  
Councilmember Jay Sarno

*Staff:* Maricela Balderas, Community Services Director  
Wayne Morrell, Director of Planning  
Ed Ramirez, Family & Human Services Manager/Executive Secretary  
Cuong Nguyen, Senior Planner  
Maritza Sosa-Nieves, Management Assistant  
Aimee Espinoza, Program Specialist  
Teresa Clift, Administrative Clerk II/Recording Secretary

Guest: Larry Oblea for Sally Gaitan, Historical Committee Liaison

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Pauline Moore and seconded by Francis Carbajal to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2016 as corrected. The motion was carried unanimously.

Section 7.EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT, Item a. Art in Public Places Restoration Report, Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 9, amend to read:

*“ . . . Eternal Springs art piece owner, Sun Lee Company, authorizing to share the restoration cost of \$1,780.00 in the amount of \$890.00 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 Eternal Springs art piece.”*

*“ . . . the City Council approve 1) the HAAC Art in Public Places Fund be only responsible for half of the Synergy art piece restoration project cost, not to exceed \$1,000.00 and that Sun Lee Company be responsible in paying its share of \$890.00 directly to Silverlake Conservation, LLC. . . ”*

4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Sarno reported that the Teen Lounge Grand Kick-off is reopening on Monday, February 29, 2016, which will house the T.E.E.N.S. Program and middle school student programs. Also, a new farmers market/street fair will be held every Wednesday at Town Center Plaza from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. beginning April 20, 2016 and will incorporate clothing and food vendors, activities, kid zone, and entertainment. The agreement will be presented to the City Council for their approval. In addition, the Promenade Shopping Center owner is negotiating in bringing a CVS store and possible grocery market to the Center.

5. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

None.

6. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Morrell reported that at the next City Council meeting, there is an item related to formal redevelopment property transfer of government properties back to the City. At a future date some properties will be designated for sale.

Development continues at the Salt and Pepper Restaurant and the Aldi's Market plan check is in the process of being reviewed. The Norwalk Dairy was sold and there are plans for development. Mr. Morrell will present to members an update for the year at the next meeting.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. ***Nomination and Election of HAAC Vice Chairperson*** - Mr. Ramirez opened for nominations by ballot and the following nominations were received: Laurie Rios-accepted, Pauline Moore-declined, Debbie Baker-accepted, Francis Carbajal-declined.

In a majority ballot vote the Committee elected Laurie Rios as Vice-Chairperson of the HAAC. Ballot Vote Results: Laurie Rios – 6; Debbie Baker – 2.

- b. ***Art in Public Places Restoration Report Update –***  
Eternal Springs - Recommendation to City Council will be presented in March 2016.

Synergy Art Piece - Consultant has reported that the company has cleaned the art piece. Mr. Ramirez shared images.

Complete Abstraction – Staff is moving forward in working with company to complete restoration.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Financial Report** - Mr. Ramirez gave an overview of the Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 period ending January 2016 and a copy was distributed to members for their review. Balance: \$1.6 million

A motion was made by Francis Carbajal and seconded by Debbie Baker to approve the Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 for period ending January 2016. The motion was carried unanimously.

- b. **Project Status Report** – Mr. Ramirez gave an overview of the current projects and a copy of the report was distributed to members for their review.

The planning for the SFS Art Fest event is underway and is in the process of artist and vendor recruitment. Eternal Springs will be presented to City Council in March. Sculpture Garden Signage is completed and a sample of signage was shared with members. PW has painted all the light posts at the Sculpture Garden. Pending projects include Omni and Construction Worker art pieces.

- c. **Art Education Grant Guidelines** – A copy of the guidelines were distributed to members for their review. Any recommendations may be sent to the attention of Maritza Sosa-Nieves, Management Assistant, who will compile information and present to the members at the next meeting for further discussion. Schools will be sent the new guidelines in April for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 grant applications.
- d. **Snake Basket Fountain** – In the process of contacting the artist to discuss options to remedy issues. Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

- a. **Storage and Relocation of the “Omni” by Dora De Larios Discussion & Relocation Recommendations** – As previously reported with the development of the McMaster-Carr, the Omni art piece has been removed and is in storage. Discussion ensued regarding optional locations including at the Sculpture Garden, Sister City Friendship Park, Longworth Avenue & Davenrich Parkette. Another suggestion included the greenbelt on Pioneer near the Aquatic Center entrance. Any further input may be sent to the attention of Ed Ramirez. This item will be brought to the meeting of March for further discussion with a recommendation to City Council in the month of April 2016.
- b. **The Construction Worker Update** – Mr. Ramirez has been in discussions with the manager of Kiewit and provided him documentation related to their obligation of maintaining and cleaning the art piece. Discussion ensued regarding other options since the artist no longer has the mold of the art piece and it was not insured. This issue will be studied further and members will be kept apprised.

Councilmember Jay Sarno was excused at 10:12 a.m.

- c. **Art Fest 2016 Goals & Update** – Participation and attendance has been confirmed by the Director of the California Arts Council. Also confirmed is the layout for a minimum of 25 vendors and 10 food vendors, and staff is visiting an option of food vendor vs. food trucks, and working closing with all departments and the Public Works Department regarding the hanging system at the Clarke Estate. Plans include incorporating a small stage for recitals, smaller-type entertainment, and looking into having large screens to view entertainment from the main stage. The official deadline for artists and vendors is March 11, 2016. Artist Lalo Alcaraz has presented an art workshop at St. Paul High School at it was very well received by students. He will also be presenting at other local schools.

A draft of suggested goals was distributed to members for their review and discussion. Members were encouraged to provide input and direction regarding developing a long term vision for the Art Fest event. Chair Oblea shared some of her ideas including a secondary stage with scheduled events, interactive performers, and scholarship to an art school. Any suggestions may be sent to the attention of Ed Ramirez. Members will be kept apprised.

- d. **2015 CPRS (California Parks & Recreation Society) Award of Excellence, Arts and Cultural Services/SFS Art Fest** – Members were reminded that the Awards Banquet will be held on March 11, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach, Ca. Staff will be showcasing the SFS Art Fest during the CPRS Conference.
- e. **HAPP Directory/Images, Distribution March 2016** - Staff is in the process of compiling information and will be made available to members at the March meeting.

#### 10. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Maricela Balderas reported on the following:

- a. **Family Fun Night Event Recap** – In collaboration with PIH, the Los Nietos and Little Lake School Districts, the Department of Community Services hosted a health and wellness event for families at the Activity Center. Positive feedback was received from participants.
- b. **Girl Scouts Bronze Star Pinning Ceremony**, February 27<sup>th</sup> at Community Garden 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Ceremony of the installation of bird houses and bronze star pinning. The Girl Scout Troop will be recognized at the City Council meeting of March 10, 2016.
- c. **Teens Programming Grand Kickoff**, February 29, 2016 at Town Center, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Members were encouraged to attend.

#### 11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Omni Art Piece Update
- Construction Worker Art Piece Update

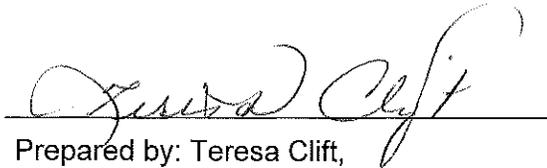
12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Fun Run/Walk, April 16, 2016 handout - 25 vendors registered and staff is collaborating with Police Services.

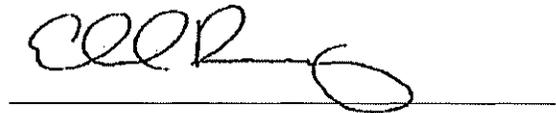
13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Oblea adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Room 1, at 9:00 a.m.



Prepared by: Teresa Clift,  
Administrative Clerk, II



Ed Ramirez,  
Executive Secretary