CITY OF
SANTA FE SPRINGS

FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GUS VELASCO NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Ted Radoumis

3. ROLL CALL

   Members Present: Debbie Belmontes, Tina Delgado, Bonnie Fox, Lydia Gonzales, Arcelia Miranda, Ted Radoumis, Annette Rodriguez, Dolores Romero, Martha Villanueva, and Hilda Zamora

   Members Absent: Margaret Bustos and Dr. Linda Vallejo

   Members Excused: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, and Gloria Duran

   Council Liaison: Councilmember Jay Sarno

   Staff: Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary
   Judi Manalisay, Children's Services Administrator
   Christina Lopez,

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   A motion was made by Bonnie Fox and seconded by Dolores Romero to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2016. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT
   Councilmember Jay Sarno reported on the new farmers market, known as "Santa Fe Springs Marketplace at the Plaza," and will begin today and be held every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The event is managed by Greenleaf events and will offer various food vendors, craft vendors, a children's zone, live entertainment, and a once-a-month themed event will be featured.

   At the Promenade Shopping Center, it is yet to be determined if a CVS will be moving into the Center. Promotional efforts are being taken to bring in new businesses to the Center.

Soliciting by homeless individuals at the liquor store and donut shop on Telegraph Road is being addressed by the City by working with the landlord and contracting a security guard to dissuade individuals from loitering.

City Councilmembers attended a workshop focusing on the future outlook of the City and took into account community input on the needs of the City.

6. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT
Ed Ramirez reported on the following:

   a. ***Family and Human Services Division Presentation*** - Mr. Ramirez gave an overview of the FHS Division of the Community Services Department. Under Family and Human Services Division, the following services are provided:

      - Child Care
      - Older Adult Services
      - Family Services
      - Case Management
      - Family and Human Services Fund
      - Health and Wellness Initiative
      - Heritage Arts in Public Places
      - City Wide Events
      - Facility Rentals

7. OLD BUSINESS

   a. ***Crime Report*** – The Department of Police services is in the process of contracting with crime stoppers.com whereby any community resident may obtain information related to crimes in their area. Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised.

   b. ***Homeless Count*** – Mr. Ramirez will be attending a meeting on April 26, 2016 to obtain information on resources available to the homeless population in the community. The City Manager is also working with Los Angeles County and other cities in developing different resources. Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised.

      Mr. Ramirez also mentioned that The Whole Child Housing Division is collaborating to address the homeless issue for families with children. It was recommended to refer families in need of housing to the G.V.N.C. where a case manager can make a referral to The Whole Child Housing Division. Also, families may be referred by the local school districts to The Whole Child.

   c. ***SFS Art Fest*** – Members were reminded that 2016 SFS Art Fest will be a two-day event, Friday, May 13, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m. The event will feature cartoonist Lalo Alcaraz, and guest artists, photographer George Rodriguez, artist Maria Kane, and sculptor Raymond Persinger. Various art mediums will be on display, entertainment, craft and artist vendors, and food vendors. Also, on Saturday the

focus will be on the youth component with various workshops and a bookmark contest in which the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee members will select and announce on that day.

d. ***New Farmers Market at the Plaza*** – As previously reported by Councilmember Jay Sarno, the farmers market will begin tonight from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Staff is also looking at offering other options such as themed nights, beverage garden or beer garden. An informational flyer was distributed to members.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. ***Family and Human Services Fund Financial Report*** – Mr. Ramirez gave an overview of the FY 2015/2016 Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2016 and a copy was distributed to members for their review. Balance: $75,005.50.

A motion was made by Hilda Zamora and seconded by Martha Villanueva to approve the FY 2015/2016 Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2016 as submitted. The motion was carried unanimously.

b. CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION

1) Child Development Update – Judy Manalisay introduced Christina Lopez who oversees the half-day pre-school program at Los Nietos Park who made a presentation on the state preschool program showcasing some of the activities and progress by the children.

Ms. Malinasay reported on the intergenerational programming in collaboration with the Older Adult programs at the G.V.N.C.

c. FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES SECTION

1) ***Princess Project*** – The G.V.N.C. is seeking donations of prom dresses, shoes and accessories for youth. Case managers are outreaching to families in need. Future plans are to outreach to local businesses for donations and contact school counselors, as well as obtaining feedback from the Youth Leadership Committee. An informational flyer was distributed to members.

2) ***Community Closet Spring Boutique*** – A Children's Boutique will be held on Friday, April 29, 2016 at the G.V.N.C. from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for current clients where families can select clothing. Families may be referred to the G.V.N.C. to be added to this program.

3) ***Utility Assistance Program*** – Currently, the G.V.N.C. is processing Edison Assistance Fund applications and is accepting appointments on a weekly basis. The Gas Assistance Program ended on March 25, 2016.

4) ***VITA Program*** – The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (V.I.T.A.) has concluded. It is anticipated that the number of individuals served are less

than last year's count, due to lower number of volunteers. Staff is looking into offering returns for prior years. Dates are to be determined. Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised.

5) ***Special Olympics*** – It was reported that the Special Olympics program has been temporarily suspended due to low recruitment. Staff has received feedback from school administrators in relation to the scheduling of activities after school hours. Staff is taking this information under consideration and will be working towards building up the program. Mr. Ramirez will keep members apprised.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   a. Orange County Food Distribution – May 18, 2016 at G.V.N.C. at 10:00 a.m.
   b. Healthy Tip Handout – Healthy Snacks

10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
    Chair Radoumis reported on Sister City activities.
    The painting of the Clarke Estate home has been completed.
    The Heritage Park Aviary and Restrooms restoration project has been completed.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
    None.

12. ADJOURNMENT
    Chair Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

The next meeting of the Family and Human Services Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 5:45 p.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Room No. 1, located at 9255 Pioneer Boulevard, Santa Fe Springs, CA.

Teresa Clift

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Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary