

**FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Radoumis called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

 *Members Present*: Bonnie Fox, Dolores Duran, Peggy Radoumis, Adrianne Karnofel, Elena Lopez, Gaby Garcia, Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Francis Carbajal, Christina Colón

 *Members Absent:* Laurie Rios, Elena Lopez

 Staff: Ed Ramirez, Community Services Manager, Executive Secretary

 Jose Carrillo, Community Services Supervisor

 Adriana Ramirez, Administrative Assistant

*Agency Representative:* None.

*Guest:* None.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Christina Colon
2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made Janie Aguirre by and seconded by Gilbert Aguirre to approve the Minutes for the April 15, 2024 meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

1. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Ramirez provided a comprehensive recap of the Art Fest event, highlighting the diverse exhibits including the car show, tattoo exhibit, comic area, turntablism, and film component. Notably, this year marked a historic achievement with the highest number of sponsors in the event's history. He also informed members about the survey distributed to both staff and participants, which yielded valuable feedback regarding areas of improvement such as increasing food vendors and addressing parking concerns. Overall, the feedback was positive. Furthermore, there was discussion regarding the possibility of changing the event time and dates for 2025.

1. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Staff provided the Chairperson with a report outlining the key topics discussed during advisory meetings for the presentation at the City Council. Mr. Ramirez informed members that the next meeting was scheduled for a day coinciding with the closure of the office due to a city holiday. In response, the Chairperson conducted a vote to determine whether members preferred to cancel the June meeting or reschedule it for an alternative week. The unanimous decision was to go dark in June. Subsequently, Janie Aguirre motioned for the action, which was seconded by Christina Colon.

1. OLD BUSINESS

None.

1. NEW BUSINESS

The Summer Concert Series kicks off on Friday, June 21st at Heritage Park, featuring a total of six concerts. Mariachi Cielito Lindo will conclude the series with a performance on August 2nd. All concerts are scheduled for Fridays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.at Heritage Park. Movies in the Park will commence on June 15th at Santa Fe Springs Athletic Park. The series will showcase a selection of five movies, with screenings rotating among various city parks and taking place on Saturday’s.

1. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Carrillo provided a brief presentation of the following events:

1. The Summer Day Camp will have four sessions starting in June 10 and ending July 19 with each session being two weeks. It will be split into 3 age groups. There is also AM and PM extended care available for an additional cost.
2. The Heritage of Aloha Festival will be taking place on Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th at Heritage Park.
3. The Memorial Day event will be taking place on Monday, May 27th at the Town Center Plaza. The first 200 guests will get a free pancake breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and the ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m.
4. The library will be hosting author Wendy Quintero for a special story time of her book “You are the Light of the World: Magical Mantras for Children”.
5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
* Family Fund and Services Quarterly Report
* Nominations and Election of Heritage Arts Advisory Committee Representative
1. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
* East Whittier Christian Church collected canned food and needs volunteers to sort them.
* SFS Women’s Club will host their Fashion Show July 21st. The ticket is $35 and includes a meal.
* Members gave suggestions on donations for the Food Pantry including cereal, canned pasta, top ramen, peanut butter, mac n cheese, and canned meats.
* Relay for Life Potato Bake will take place on August 15th at Fire Headquarters.
* Santa Fe High School Band will host their clothing drive May 18th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
* Relay for Life will take place September 21st at Little Lake Park from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
1. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 5:45 p.m. in person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center, Meeting Rm #1.



 Ed Ramirez, Executive Secretary Adriana Ramirez, Administrative Assistant