

**FAMILY & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Wednesday, September 18, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Radoumis called the meeting to order at 5:51p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

 *Members Absent:* Peggy Radoumis, Karla Cardenas

 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 – Elena Lopez
2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made Dolores Duran by and seconded by Adrianne Karnofel to approve the Minutes for the May 15, 2024 meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

1. PRESENTATIONS

None.

1. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Ramirez is currently developing a new financial report for the committee to reflect the new budget process. One significant change in our approach involves how we handle expenditures and track them, which is different from previous budgets. This report will outline the types of services we provide and include all related expenditures.

1. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ramirez provided an overview of the 2024 Summer Concert Series, which saw an impressive attendance of 9,800 people, marking it as the highest-attended concert series to date. He also shared feedback from a survey distributed at various concerts, indicating that the series was a big success.

On August 7th, the City hosted the Back to School Backpack Program, which served 127 participants. Additionally, we distributed another 8 backpacks following the event, bringing the total to 135. This year, we introduced a new feature: free haircuts for every child registered for a backpack.

The Art Walk on August 24th at Heritage Park allowed participants to stroll from the park to the business area. Attendees received lanyards and collected buttons from each stop along the way.

The Family Night Sound Bath Meditation was very successful, with average attendance for family classes ranging from 24 to 45 participants.

The Hair Cutting Tutorial Class, led by Community Services Supervisor Jose Carrillo, attracted 27 attendees. Mr. Carrillo shared valuable tips and tricks for cutting hair, helping participants overcome their fear of DIY haircuts. The event also included a raffle for two sets of hair clippers.

1. NEW BUSINESS

Nominations were held for a representative to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee from the FHSAC. Following the voting process, Elena Lopez was elected as the FHSAC representative. Mr. Ramirez updated members on changes within the Community Services Department, noting that Transportation Services will now be part of the CS Department, effective July 1, 2024. The Aquatic Center has opened and is currently enrolling participants. Additionally, the Fiestas Patrias de Octubre will be relocating to Los Nietos Park, scheduled for October 19th and 20th.

1. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

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

1. Family Tote Bag Painting Night will take place September 18th at 6:00 p.m.
2. Walk to School Day will be October 2nd at the Aquatic Center Parking Lot at 7:30 a.m.
3. Our Sock Donation Box will be available from October 7th – 11th at both entrances of the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
4. Gus’s Food Pantry is now accepting pet food donations
5. The Library’s Magic Mystery Dinner will take place September 28th at 7:00 pm. It is $25 per person and registration is required
6. Library’s First Friday for October is Alice in Wonderland themed. It will wake place October 4th at 7:00 p.m.
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
* Family Fund and Services Quarterly Report
* City Manager will be present at the October meeting to discuss the Measure SFS
1. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
* LA County Department of Economic Opportunity is offering resource meeting on September 20th at 10am to 1pm for the employees that were affected by the fire at Pizza mania.
1. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Radoumis adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 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