**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Janie Aguirre called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL

 *Members Present:* Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Dolores Duran, Hilda Zamora, Astrid Shesterkin, Josefina Lara, Paul Nakamura, Yoko Nakamura, Nancy Krueger, and Johnny Hernandez.

 *Members Absent:* Dolores Romero

 *Staff:* Jose Carrillo, Community Services Supervisor/Executive Secretary

Adriana Ramirez, Administrative Assitant ll

 René Bobadilla, City Manager

 Nicholas Razo, Assistant City Manager

 Maricela Balderas, Director of Community Services

 *Guests:* None.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Nancy Krueger
2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Hilda Zamora and seconded by Gilbert Aguirre to approve the minutes for the September 10, 2024 meeting.

1. PRESENTATIONS

City Manager René Bobadilla presented on Measure SFS for road repair. He explained that the City of Santa Fe Springs receives $1.7 million annually for road maintenance through Measures M and R, funded by a sales tax based on population. Currently, the General Fund is used for repairs, but it is insufficient. Bobadilla noted that 72% of the city's roads are in urgent need of repair, amounting to a total estimated cost of $114 million. Most roads require reconstruction and are deteriorating further. He also indicated that Measure SFS proposes a special tax that will only affect businesses in Santa Fe Springs. Since it is a special tax, it requires a 66.7% approval rate to pass. The measure includes an oversight committee to ensure funds are allocated solely for roads, sidewalks, curbs, and related projects. Additionally, there will be an annual audit to verify effective spending. Importantly, This measure does not create any new taxes for either homeowners or renters.

1. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

The Lantern Tours are scheduled for October 11 at Heritage Park, running from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Annual Halloween Carnival will be held on October 26th at Los Nietos Park, featuring a costume contest, a $3 photo booth, candy, and games. Mr. Carrillo then informed the members about upcoming room and program modifications in November and December at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center to prepare for the Holiday Basket Programs. The modifications will continue until mid-January 2025.

1. OLD BUSINESS

None.

1. NEW BUSINESS

The Community Services Department has taken over Transportation Services and is currently in the process of hiring a coordinator to assist with dispatching, as well as drivers. Fiestas Patrias de Octubre will take place October 19 and 20. On Saturday, activities will run from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and on Sunday, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, a beer garden, live entertainment, and a kids' zone. Headlining bands include Banda Cuisillos and Pancho Barraza. The 2024 Holiday Basket Volunteer Orientation will take place October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center.

1. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Executive Secretary Carrillo provided a brief overview of the older adult programming that is currently in session and the upcoming special events.

1. *Family and Human Services Division Program and Project Updates*
2. Bingo takes place Tuesdays – Fridays (unless there is a Friday activity) from
3. 9:00 – 11:15 a.m.
4. Games and Fun takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
5. Create-it Now takes place on Monday, October 28th at from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
6. Monthly Birthday Cake Celebrations take place on the last Wednesday of the month at 11:45 a.m.
7. Café con José takes place on the last Thursday of the month at 11:45 a.m.
8. Movin’ N’ Groovin’ Chair Exercise classes take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:15 – 9:15 a.m. In November this class will be offered at Los Nietos Park.
9. Pickleball takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays at Los Nietos Park from
10. 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
11. Latin Dance Cardio takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. till the end of October.
12. Yoga takes place on Mondays from 1:00 – 2:20 p.m.
13. Garden Fun Under the Sun takes place on Mondays from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
14. Machine sewing classes will take place the first and third Monday of the month until April 15th between 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. till October 21st.
15. Mouth Watering Munchies class will take place Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. till October 22nd.
16. Older Adults Halloween Dance will take place October 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
17. Military Veterans Lunch will take place November 8th at 11:30 a.m.
18. Older Adults Thanksgiving Feast will take place November 15th from

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1. Gift Wrapping 101 will take place Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. till October 23rd.
2. Holiday Balloon Decorations will take place Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. till October 24th.
3. Holiday Creations will take place November 4th – November 7th from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

1. MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
* Gus’s Pantry will be accepting donations for new socks for the winter season.
* Members requested a presentation from the Fire Department to inform them on smoke alarm safety.
1. ADJOURNMENT – CHAIRPERSON JANIE AGUIRRE

 Chairperson Janie Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

**The Next Meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will be held in-person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on November 12, 2024.**



Jose Carrillo, Executive Secretary Adriana Ramirez, Administrative Assistant II