**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center**

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Janie Aguirre called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL

*Members Present:* Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Dolores Duran, Hilda Zamora, Astrid Shesterkin, Josefina Lara, Paul Nakamura, Yoko Nakamura, Maria Rocha, and Gloria Maghame.

*Members Absent:* Nancy Krueger

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

Ed Ramirez, Community Services Manager

Noah Jimenez, Community Services Administrative Assistant

*Guests:* None.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Maria Rocha
2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Hilda Zamora and seconded by Josefina Lara to approve the minutes for the March 11, 2025 meeting.

1. PRESENTATIONS

Ed Ramirez provided a recap on the ArtFest event; highlighting the success of the event while being the first ArtFest that was led by city staff and without a consultant. Additionally, the event had been moved from a two-day event to a one-day event on a Saturday, and despite the rain the event had high turnout with estimates placing it at around 5900-6000 people attending.

The event had a wide variety of food, community groups, artists, entertainment, and even a drone show which was highlighted alongside the event’s sponsors. Numerous committee members expressed their positive experience with staff and their work leading up to and during ArtFest.

1. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Jose Carillo gave a summary of the children’s clothing drive and extended thanks to the members who helped sort children's clothing for the March 26 event, which distributed 202 large totes and served 87 families—62% of whom were from Santa Fe Springs. It was suggested that future events avoid spring break to improve attendance and that hours be adjusted to better align with school schedules. Feedback from Janie Aguirre and Hilda Zamora highlighted a high demand for boys' clothing and the need for more targeted item donations.

1. OLD BUSINESS

None.

1. NEW BUSINESS
   * + 1. Jose Carillo held a voting activity for the committee members to choose entertainment for the upcoming Grandfather and Me day. A strong majority vote for having an animal show that day. They noted its popularity with kids in past events.
       2. Ed discussed the city’s rebranding efforts and that a committee will be formed to participate in the process and that a member from each advisory committee will serve as a representative for the rebranding committee. Hilda Zamora expressed interest and was nominated to be the representative for the city rebranding committee. Ed Ramirez also explained why a rebranding effort was underway in response to a question by Gloria Maghame.
2. 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 programs.

1. *Family and Human Services Division Program and Project Updates*
2. Bingo takes place Tuesdays – Fridays (unless there is a Friday activity) from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Card sales are from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m., and games run from

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Each card costs 50 cents.

1. Games and Fun takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. This includes classic games such as Uno, Connect Four, Jenga, checkers, and more.
2. Birthday Cake Celebrations take place on the last Wednesday of the month at

11:45 a.m. The next celebration will be March 26.

1. Café con José takes place on the last Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m. The next session will be on March 27, offering a chance for feedback on programs and ideas for new activities.
2. Movin' N' Groovin' Chair Exercise classes take place on Mondays and Wednesdays through April 30 from 8:15 – 9:15 a.m.
3. Pickleball takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. at the Activity Center Gym.
4. Latin Dance Cardio takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays from

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the GVNC. The class is free for residents, but non-residents now pay $5 per class (previously $3).

1. Yoga takes place on Mondays from 1:00 – 2:20 p.m. at the GVNC.
2. Soundbath meditation class at the GVNC on Tuesday July 1st from 1:00 - 2:30pm
3. Garden Fun Under the Sun takes place on Mondays from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the Zen Garden.
4. Karaoke will take place on Friday, May 16th from 9:00 – 11:15 a.m.
5. National Health and Fitness day on Wednesday May 28th from 9:00-11:15 a.m.
6. Machine Sewing Classes will take place the first and third Monday of the month through April 21 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the GVNC in the Ontiveros Room.
7. Chips and Dips class runs from May 20th to June 10th on Tuesdays.
8. Jewelry Class runs from May 21st to June 11th on Wednesdays.
9. The Discover your Inner Artist class runs from May 22nd to June 12th on Thursdays
10. The Hawaiian Luau Dance will take place on Friday, June 6th from

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Residents can register starting May 26th, and non-residents can register starting June 2nd.

1. The Red, White, and Blue dance will take place on Friday, July 27th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Residents can register starting June 16th, and non-residents can register starting June 23rd.
2. Father’s Day Event on Friday, June 13. From 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. with residents being able to register beginning June 2, non-residents on June 9.
3. An Art Gallery will be in place at the GVNC from May 20th to May 23rd where seniors can submit their artwork to be displayed around the facility.
4. There will be an excursion to Venice Beach on Friday, May 23rd from 12:30pm – 5:30 p.m. Residents can register beginning May 5th, and non-residents can register starting May 12th.
5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

1. MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
   * + 1. Hilda Zamora requested information be shared on the Rose Bowl Float plans, and Ed Ramirez gave a recap of the current plans.
       2. Maria Rocha and a couple of other members discussed concerns regarding caregivers and their gender bathroom of choice with their clients for their assistance; additionally, policy was discussed involving caregivers and senior activities such as bingo.
       3. Committee members thanked Jose for the success of the senior ball at Commerce casino.
2. ADJOURNMENT – CHAIRPERSON JANIE AGUIRRE

Chairperson Janie Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m

**The Next Meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will be held in-person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on June 10, 2025.**

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Jose Carrillo, Executive Secretary Noah Jimenez, Administrative Assistant II