**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

**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, Nancy Krueger, and Johnny Hernandez.

*Members Absent:* Dolores Romero

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

Adriana Ramirez, Administrative Assitant ll

Gus Hernandez, Director of Parks and Recreation

Leanne Iezza, Parks and Recreation Manager

*Guests:* None.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Gus Hernandez
2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dolores Duran and seconded by Johnny Hernandez to approve the minutes for the June 11, 2024 meeting.

1. PRESENTATIONS

Director of Parks and Recreation, Gus Hernandez, and Parks and Recreation Manager, Leanne Iezza, presented an update on the Aquatic Center opening. They reported that the swim lessons have attracted 922 attendees and that the center has hosted a total of 4,282 program participants, with a daily average of 514. The presentation also included a summary of completed projects and plans for future enhancements, including the addition of a splash pad, picnic area, and spa.

1. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Carrillo provided a summary of both Grandparent and Me Day and National Senior Citizens Day. The Grandparent and Me Day event featured an animal show, carnival games, and snacks for purchase. With a total of 45 participants, the highlight was the kangaroo exhibit and the available prizes. Attendees praised the event, calling it one of the best Grandparent and Me Days they’ve experienced. National Senior Citizens Day had a casino theme, where participants played games to earn tickets to win raffle prizes, and enjoyed various snacks.

1. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Carrillo reviewed the results from the Older Adult Dance feedback surveys collected at two senior dances. The feedback included suggestions for different music, seating arrangements, and food options. Overall, the responses were positive, with many attendees expressing their enjoyment of the dances as they currently are.

1. NEW BUSINESS

The Community Development Department will be hosting their annual National Community Planning Month Photo Contest. Anyone who lives, works or attends a school is encouraged to submit a high resolution photo about the vibrancy, vitality, and livability in Santa Fe Springs before October 31st. The 1st place winner will receive $200 and the photo will be featured on the All Things Santa Fe Springs brochure.

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

9:00 – 11:15 a.m.

1. Games and Fun takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
2. Create-it Now takes place on Monday, September 23 at from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
3. Monthly Birthday Cake Celebrations take place on the last Wednesday of the month at 11:45 a.m.
4. Café con José takes place on the last Thursday of the month at 11:45 a.m.
5. Movin’ N’ Groovin’ Chair Exercise classes take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:15 – 9:15 a.m.
6. Pickle ball takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays at Los Nietos Park from

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

1. Latin Dance Cardio takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays from

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

1. Yoga takes place on Mondays from 1:00 – 2:20 p.m.
2. Garden Fun Under the Sun takes place on Mondays from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
3. Machine sewing classes will take place the first and third Monday of the month until April 15th between 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
4. Griffith Observatory Excursion will take place September 25th at 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
5. Mouth Watering Munchies class will take place Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. till October 22nd.
6. Older Adults Fiesta Dance will take place September 13th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
7. Older Adults Halloween Dance will take place October 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
8. Military Veterans Lunch will take place November 8th at 11:30 a.m.
9. Older Adults Thanksgiving Feast will take place November 15th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
10. Gift Wrapping 101 will take place Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. till October 23rd.
11. Holiday Balloon Decorations will take place Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. till October 24th.
12. Holiday Creations will take place November 4th – November 7th from 1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.
13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

1. MEMBERS COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

* The Santa Float will start to recruit for volunteers and the training sessions will begin soon.

1. ADJOURNMENT – CHAIRPERSON JANIE AGUIRRE

Chairperson Janie Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

**The Next Meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will be held in-person at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center on October 8, 2024.**

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Jose Carrillo, Executive Secretary Adriana Ramirez, Administrative Assistant II