



HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Heritage Park Train Depot
Meeting of Tuesday, July 9, 2013

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Oblea at 5:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendance: Ed Duran, Sally Gaitan, Astrid Gonzalez, Mary Hathaway, Amparo Oblea, Larry Oblea, Tony Reyes, Francine Rippey, and Janice Smith

Absent: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Alma Martinez, Mark Scoggins (Excused), and Hilda Zamora

Council Liaison: Mayor Richard Moore (Excused)
Councilmember Laurie Rios

Staff: Hilary Keith, Director of Library and Cultural Services Division

Guest: Gloria Duran

Hilary Keith reported that Alma Martinez resigned from the Historical Committee as of this date. She asked members to advise anyone interested in the history of Santa Fe Springs and wishes to serve on this Committee to apply with the City Clerk's office.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Amparo Oblea and seconded by Astrid Gonzalez to approve the Minutes of April 2, 2013. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Laurie Rios reported that the City Council approved the FY 2013/2014 budget. The Council also approved the replacement of the air conditioning unit at the south side of City Hall.

The Police Services has reported a 5% decrease in crime. Out of 1,170 calls, 211 calls were serviced by the Police Services Officers. The City's crime rate as of the end of May is 7.7% compared to 8.3% previously reported. Other surrounding cities such as, Bellflower is 14.8%, Norwalk is 9.8%, West Whittier and Los Nietos is 10.5%, Pico Rivera is 8.6%, Commerce 17.6%, and Montebello is 10.3%.

The Villages Home Development will be offering 2 and 3 bedroom homes for first time buyers.

Questions in reference to the I-5 Corridor Project street closures may be directed by calling 855-454-6335.

Ms. Rios also reported on the following programs and events:

- The Fourth of July event celebrated at Los Nietos Park was a great success and was attended by many people.
- Certified Farmers Market will begin on Thursday, July 11, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The farmers market will be held on Thursday's on a weekly basis.
- The 99 Cents Store will be having its grand-opening on July 25, 2013.
- The Department of Fire and Rescue had its *Fill the Boot Fundraiser* for Muscular Dystrophy and collected the sum of \$33,000 in a three-day period. A letter of appreciation was advertised in the City's Newsletter on behalf of the Department of Fire and Rescue.
- A Pet Vaccination Clinic will be held on July 10, 2013 at Santa Fe High School from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Movie Night at Lakeview Park will feature *Dr. Seuss* from 8:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Free popcorn will be served to the public.
- Summer Concerts at the Parks will resume on July 19, 2013 featuring *The Answer*; August 15 at Los Nietos Park starring *Mariachi Bellas*, and August 30, 2013 at Heritage Park presenting *The Chico Band*.
- The Santa Fe Springs Women's Club Annual Scholarship Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, July 28, 2013 at the Town Center Hall. Cost is \$20 per person.
- The Annual Senior Fair will be held on August 29, 2013 at Pico Park in the City of Pico Rivera. This Fair is possible through the efforts of Congresswoman Linda Sanchez.

4. HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT

Chairperson Larry Oblea reported on issues discussed at the June 25, 2013 meeting as follows:

Director of Community Services Maricela Balderas announced that the City Library received two 2013 Public Relations Excellence Awards. Also, Fiestas Patrias will be held on Friday, September 13, 2013 at the Town Center Plaza from 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. In addition, a three-year contract with the City of La Mirada will manage the Aquatics Program and will open on July 17, 2013. Lastly, the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center Mural Brochure is now available and on display in the lobby entrance next to the mural.

The Heritage Arts In Public Places Art Education Grant Program – The Heritage Arts Committee is in the process of accepting proposals from local schools and organizations and will be reviewing the proposals at its next meeting.

Traffic Signal Cabinet Artwork – The Committee will be introducing a pilot program in which a mural scene will be painted on a selected traffic signal cabinet along the Telegraph Corridor.

Imperial Archer Art Piece – The Tanaka family has donated this art sculpture to the City. The Committee is in the selection process to display the art work.

Art Fest 2013 – The art exhibition showcasing 140 artists from local high school students and adults, which was held on May 30, 2013 at the Clarke Estate was very successful. Selected art was also displayed at the Library. A percentage of the total art sales will be contributed to the program. The City Council has approved to host the ART Fest next year and the Committee is in the planning stages to promote the exhibition and bringing in sponsorships.

El Greco Artpiece – The construction of this art piece located on Burke Street is proceeding.

The Journey Artpiece – The Heritage Arts Advisory Committee has recommended to the City Council to relocate the art piece at Lakeview Elementary School.

Rancho Santa Gertrudes Elementary School Mural – This project was funded by the Heritage Arts In Public Places Art Grant Program FY 2012/2013 and was unveiled on June 4, 2013. Historical Committee members also contributed to this project by visiting the school and giving their input on the history of Santa Fe Springs.

Chairperson Oblea distributed a list of art work throughout the City.

5. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Hilary Keith reported that the display of paintings at the Library from ART Fest 2013 has been extended and is open to the public for viewing and some art works are available for purchase through the summer.

The Little Learners Program, which was awarded \$14,000 under the 2013 Public Relations Excellence Award, is a program that focuses on science and social studies curriculum to help prepare pre-school children for school in collaboration with the City's Child Care Center. The first program is on Ocean Explorers and Aloha Islands inspiration. This is a free program held on Saturday's and will be advertised in the Evolve Brochure and City Newsletter.

6. SUPER COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT

Chairperson Oblea reported on issues discussed at the April 30, 2013 meeting as follows:

Manager Assistant Wayne Bergeron – City Budget was approved and currently the City's finances are doing well. In addition, the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), a recycling center, is proposed to be installed on Los Nietos Road. Councilmember Rios notified members that the Planning Commission has adjourned this issue to its next meeting.

Beautification Committee – Chairperson Hayes reported that the Committee conducted its tour of homes and businesses and will be presenting the Beautification Awards at an upcoming City Council meeting. In addition, the City Council has approved to add the Dog Park Project at Santa Fe Springs Park on the City's Capital Improvement Project List.

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee – Gloria Duran informed the committee members that the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center hosted a meeting for the Parks and Recreation Society and received positive feedback from members.

Parks and Recreation Committee – *Due to an insufficient quorum at its last meeting, there was no report.*

Family and Human Services Advisory Committee – The Committee is seeking donations of prom dresses and shoes to help local girls in need. Donations may be taken to the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center.

Sister City Committee – The Youth Ambassadors are taking an active role in fundraising. Recently, they raised funds at the Easter pancake breakfast and hosted a fireworks booth.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

Historical Book – Hilary gave an overview of the Historical book sales.

Last year's revenue: \$2,365.13

This year's revenue: \$1,848.59

Initial Expenditure: \$3,800.00

Grant Award from Westerner's: \$500.00 (purchase of scanner)

Royalties: \$700.00

A recommendation was made in having a poster advertising the sale of the historical book located at the City Hall lobby.

Proposed Revision to Committee By-Laws – Per City Manager, the motion to change By-Laws to the second Tuesday of the Month does not require an action for City Council approval. Effective immediately, the Historical Committee will meet on the second Tuesday of the month on quarterly basis (July, October, January, and April).

Archival Materials Update – Hilary visited Heritage Park to seek what archival materials were stored there and found that there were old newspaper clippings. Some items were salvaged and are now at the Library. Grant funds awarded from Westerner's will be used to purchase protective materials. She encouraged members to stop by the Library to share their opinions and determine what is worth preserving. In addition, Hilary has

purchased the scanner and proposed a *Shoe Box Program* in which patrons may bring their photographs and have them scanned and identified as related to the history of Santa Fe Springs and host in our existing database.

Wells-Fargo Historical Mural Update – Wells Fargo Bank has chosen photographs provided by the City to assist them with the creation of an artistic mural at the local branch at Telegraph Road and Alburdis Avenue. A charitable donation of \$1,000 will be made by Wells-Fargo to the Friends of the Library. Hilary will keep members apprised.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Election of Officers**

Chairperson - Chairperson Oblea opened nominations for Committee Chairperson. Astrid Gonzalez nominated Larry Oblea. There being no further nominations, nominations for Chairperson were closed and Larry Oblea accepted the nomination. In a majority vote the Committee elected Larry Oblea as the Historical Committee Chairperson.

Vice-Chairperson - Chairperson Oblea opened nominations for Committee Vice-Chairperson. Sally Gaitan nominated Astrid Gonzalez. Amparo Oblea nominated Ed Duran; however, he declined the nomination. There being no further nominations, nominations for Vice-Chairperson were closed and Astrid Gonzalez accepted the nomination. In a majority vote the Committee elected Astrid Gonzalez as the Historical Committee Vice-Chairperson.

Liaison to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee - Chairperson Oblea opened nominations for Committee Liaison to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee. Amparo Oblea nominated Larry Oblea. There being no further nominations, nominations for Liaison to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee were closed and Larry Oblea accepted the nomination. In a majority vote the Committee elected Larry Oblea as the Historical Committee Liaison to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee.

b. **Committee Reappointments**

The City Council appointed the following individuals to the Historical Committee: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Sally Gaitan, Mary Hathaway, Amparo Oblea, Larry Oblea, Francine Rippy, Mark Scoggins, and Janice Smith.

c. **Definition of Approved Attendance**

Discussion ensued regarding the definition of approved attendance by a committee member. Councilmember Rios noted that all Committee By-Laws state that members may be subject to removal from a committee if the number of absences exceed three meetings consecutively and no more than five absences per year fiscal year. If a member needs to be excused from a meeting, it is the member's responsibility to contact the appointing Councilmember and ask to be excused.

This issue will be adjourned to the meeting of October for further discussion.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Volunteer Program

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Oblea reminded members to start thinking of a date to come together to view the archival materials.

Community Program Committee Trips – Visit or contact the Parks and Recreation Division for further information on upcoming trips which include Del Mar Horse Racing on July 17, Los Angeles Dodgers on August 31, and Santa Monica 3rd Street Promenade on September 21, 2013.

Santa Fe Springs Community Playhouse will feature *The Little Mermaid* on July 18 through 22, 2013.

Astronomy for Everyone – An Astrophysicist will be visiting the Library on Friday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. and giving a presentation on the stars.

Gloria Duran announced that she and her husband attended an event in which the San Gabriel Mission awarded scholarships to assist foster children who are transitioning out of the system. She had the opportunity to meet Dolores Huerta and invited her to visit the Cesar Chavez Garden at Santa Fe Springs City Library.

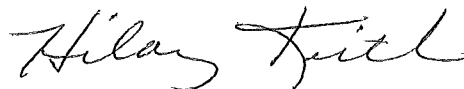
11. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at the Heritage Park Train Depot at 5:30 p.m. (Due to the City Council meeting of October 10, 2013 being moved to Tuesday, October 8, 2013, the **Historical Committee meeting is adjourned to October 15, 2013**).

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Larry Oblea adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Hilary Keith,
Executive Secretary to the Historical Committee

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