



HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Heritage Park Train Depot
Meeting of Tuesday, October 15, 2013

MINUTES

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

1. ROLL CALL

Attendance: Gilbert Aguirre, Janie Aguirre, Ed Duran, Sally Gaitan, Astrid Gonzalez, Mary Hathaway, Amparo Oblea, Larry Oblea, Tony Reyes, Francine Rippy, Janice Smith, and Hilda Zamora

Absent: Mark Scoggins (Excused)

Council Liaison: Mayor Richard Moore
Councilmember Laurie Rios

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

Guest: Gloria Duran

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Amparo Oblea and seconded by Astrid Gonzalez to approve the Minutes of July 9, 2013. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Richard Moore advised that he and City Manager Thaddeus McCormack have met with representatives of Ridgeline Company, current owners of the previous Powerine plant property, regarding the odor being emitted throughout the city. The City will be seeking to obtain an enforcement order from the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) mandating that the company comply by treating the water in the old refinery tanks and discharging it when it reaches a safe level. Part of this mandate includes a permit to treat with a new system established. Lastly, that the company give the City a plan, subject to the City's approval, to dismantle and remove the tanks. The reoccurrence of the emitting odor this past weekend occurred when a high level of sulfite was released when the company was in the process of replacing the filter systems. The company is currently working on the situation. The City has required the installation of a material that increases the PH balance to kill the sulfur within the next few days. The completion of the removal process and installation of new tanks is estimated to take one to two years.

Councilmember Rios also reported on the following programs and events:

- An exhibit of children's vintage books donated by Councilmember Bill Rounds is now in display at the City Main Library.
- The Library is featuring *Zombie Prom* on October 18 at 7:00 p.m. This program is for ages thirteen to seventeen. The program will include games and refreshments. In addition, the Library will offer *Creepy Crafts* for children ages seven and older on October 28 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- The Activity Center is closed for the building of the Haunted House. The Haunted House will be held beginning October 28 through October 31 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Cost is \$3.00 for ages twelve and younger and \$4.00 for ages thirteen and older. The Activity Center will reopen on November 4, 2013.
- The Halloween Carnival and Costume Parade will be held on October 31 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Los Nietos Park.
- A Sugar Skull Workshop is scheduled on October 26 at Heritage Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person.
- The Native American Pow Wow will be held on the weekend of November 2 and 3, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m. each day.
- The City is moving forward in offering the farmers market year-around and will also be extending hours every third Thursday of the month from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with free entertainment. The community response has been positive.

4. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- a. **Measure S** – A reminder that the November 5 ballot includes a measure authorizing the increase of per barrel tax from 20 cents per barrel to 41 cents to 51 cents per barrel. The tax increase has been agreed to be paid by Breitburn Energy Company and E. Mitchell Company who are the two oil producing companies in Santa Fe Springs. More information will be available in the City's Newsletter. Also, the last day to register to vote is October 21, 2013 and the final day to request to vote by mail is October 29, 2013.

5. HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT

Chairperson Larry Oblea reported on issues discussed at the September 24, 2013 meeting as follows:

Splash Pad Art Feature – The City Council approved as a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) the concept to convert park wading pools in compliance with ADA regulations. Public Works is preparing a cost analysis of each pool and cost options. Once Public Works has completed its report, this issue will be brought to the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee to commence discussion on a possible art concept.

Art Walk Map – Staff is working on creating an Art Walk Brochure to promote health and wellness. The map will denote the locations of all the Art In Public Places art pieces for the community to enjoy.

6. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

- a. ***Historical Book Sales*** – Hilary will keep members apprised of the Historical book sales at the next meeting.

Royalties Received: \$147

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. ***Archival Materials Update*** – A scanner has been purchased and staff is in the process scanning newspaper articles and host in our existing database. In addition, the City will be advertising to the public inviting them to bring their photographs to have them scanned and identified as related to the history of Santa Fe Springs.
- b. ***Definition of Attendance*** – A member will be considered absent from the roll if not available at the time the Committee makes a motion or takes a vote on new business. The Chairperson shall confirm on the record.
- c. ***Wells-Fargo Historical Mural Update*** – Hilary shared a picture of the completed mural project at the local branch with members. Members and the public are encouraged to visit the site.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. ***Resignation of Committee Members*** - Hilary advised that Alma Martinez and Francine Rippy have resigned from the Historical Committee.
- b. ***Committee Reappointments*** – Hilary announced the members who were reappointed by the City Council to the Historical Committee.
- c. ***2008 Legacy Project Video*** – A video depicting interviews of couples who shared their stories was made to commemorate the City's 50th Anniversary and is pending to be professionally edited.
- d. ***Oral Communications*** – The Committee unanimously agreed that the Chairperson shall monitor the length an individual may address the committee under oral communications.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Fundraising Opportunities – Selling of mounted photographs.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hilary distributed a copy of the Evolve Brochure denoting upcoming events at the Library.

Parks and Recreation Division:

- Pumpkin Carving at All Parks – October 25 at 3:30 p.m.
- Sugar Skull Workshop at Heritage Park – October 26 at 10:00 a.m.
- Halloween Carnival & Costume Parade at Los Nietos Park – October 31 at 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Haunted House at Activity Center – October 28 – 31 at 6 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Family and Human Services:

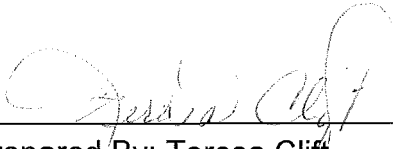
- The City is moving forward in offering the farmers market year-around and will also be extending hours every third Thursday of the month from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with free entertainment. The community response has been positive.
- PIH Flu Vaccine at Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center – October 23 at 11:30 a.m.
- Thankful Basket and Neighborly Elf Program – Residents may apply to qualify. Contact Manuel Cantu regarding volunteer opportunities. Contact Ed Ramirez regarding donations.
- Food for Fines Program – In collaboration with the Library, patrons may donate one non-perishable food item for every dollar overdue during the month of October.

11. NEXT MEETING

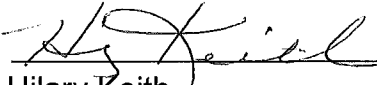
Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at the Heritage Park Train Depot at 5:30 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Larry Oblea adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.



Prepared By: Teresa Cliff,
Administrative Clerk, II



Hilary Keith,
Executive Secretary to the Historical Committee