

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park
Health and Education Commission
held January 28, 2008**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Arlene Savage. Present: Commissioners Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, Enrique Murillo and Chairperson Arlene Savage. Also in attendance were Director of Community Development Henry L. Gray, Mayor Elba Guerrero, Councilmember Ofelia Hernandez, Assistant City Manager Alan Shear, Assistant Planner Albert Fontanez and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Minutes of the Meeting held on July 23, 2007:

A motion was made by Commissioner Savage, seconded by Commissioner Zaldivar-Motts, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 23, 2007. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances:

None.

Discussion to develop the Health and Education Commission's meeting schedule, goals and objectives:

There was a unanimous decision amongst the Commissioners to continue the meetings on the 4th Monday of every month; however, the Commission will meet at 6:00 p.m., rather than 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Hernandez requested that the Commission be involved with the process of the State of California in the attempt to seize control of Huntington Park High School due to the excessive amount of students who are academically failing.

Councilmember Hernandez invited the Commissioners to the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition meetings held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Councilmember Hernandez informed the Commissioners that she is seeking funds to establish a program at the junior high level for pregnancy prevention, such as the "Baby think it over" program.

Councilmember Hernandez stated that, to help introduce the new community center, she would like to see an exercise program for the seniors offered at the center. Councilmember Hernandez also requested a special day each month for the seniors.

Councilmember Hernandez requested that when there is any type of medical testing performed at special events within the city, that a mandatory follow up be required.

Commissioner Zaldivar-Motts stated the following goals for the Commission:

- Increase academic standards among high school students in Huntington Park
- Initiate a High School and Middle School pregnancy awareness course with the “Baby think it over” program
- Increase physical activity among seniors
- Increase college scholarships for students in Huntington Park, as well as residents
- Increase health awareness among children by coordinating a Children’s Health Fair in October 2008

Community Development Director Gray suggested that the Commissioners develop a calendar of events to help prepare for future activities.

Commissioner Savage stated that she would coordinate a Health fair in March. There was a discussion to coordinate a Senior Health fair in October.

A motion was made by Zaldivar-Motts, seconded by Murillo, to form a task force chaired by Chairperson Savage, along with Councilmember Hernandez, to organize a Children’s Health Fair in April 2008 for the residents of Huntington Park. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Zaldivar-Motts, seconded by Murillo, to form a task force chaired by Commissioner Savage, to organize a Senior Health Fair in October 2008, at the new Community Center. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Zaldivar-Motts, seconded by Murillo, that Commissioner Zaldivar-Motts organize fundraisers for a High School student scholarship program for students residing in Huntington Park and to present this program to the Commission in June 2008. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion of City Council’s request to develop a voluntary program to eliminate the use of artificial trans fats in local food establishments:

Following a brief discussion, Chairperson Savage requested that this item be continued to the next Health and Education meeting.

Discussion on methods to develop local support for the Community and Mission Hospitals:

Following a brief discussion, Chairperson Savage requested that this item be continued to a future Health and Education Commission meeting when there was a quorum of Commissioners that did not have a conflict of interest on the item.

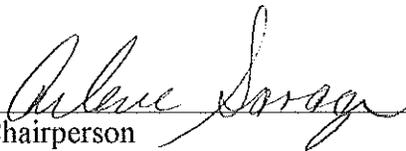
Discussion and/or action regarding hosting an enrollment event for the Communities for Healthy Kids Program:

Assistant Manager Shear informed the Commissioners that Communities for Healthy Kids is a three year effort to develop innovative strategies for cities and counties to identify and enroll kids who are eligible for no cost and low-cost health insurance.

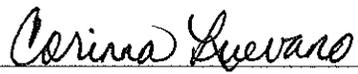
Commissioner Savage suggested sending information home with children from school to inform parents regarding this program.

A motion was made by Zaldivar-Motts, seconded by Murillo, for the Health and Education Commission to support and participate in the “Communities for Healthy Kids Program” and that Chairperson Savage will be the Commission’s liaison for this project. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Chairperson Savage adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



Chairperson



Secretary