

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park
Health and Education Commission
held March 22, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Chairman Zaldivar-Motts. Present: Commissioners Samuel Flores, Enrique Murillo, Arlene Savage, Victoria Herrera, and Chairman Cesar Zaldivar-Motts; Absent: None. Also in attendance were Senior Planner Albert Fontanez, Housing and Community Development Manager Manuel Acosta, Assistant Planner Joanna Cortez, and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2011:

A motion was made by Commissioner Murillo, seconded by Vice Chair Savage, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 22, 2011 as presented. The motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission deviated from the agenda to hold Unfinished Business items before holding the New Business item presentation by "Salud Digna."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, DISCUSSION ITEMS, OR GENERAL COMMENTS, PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONERS AND/OR COMMISSION LIAISON:

A. Discussion and/or action regarding goals and objectives for Health and Education in 2011:

Senior Planner Fontanez stated that staff would provide an update at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

B. Discussion and/or action regarding proposed tobacco regulations:

Ms. Katie Van Cleave and Mr. David Reynoso of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Project TRUST, made a presentation on the findings of their recent survey regarding outdoor second-hand smoke in multi-family residential buildings. Mr. Reynoso reviewed the statistics from the survey, which showed that 99% of those surveyed believe secondhand smoke is bad for people and 98% favor laws supporting smokefree outdoor areas on residential properties. After a brief discussion, Ms. Van Cleave asked for the Commissioners' participation and assistance in providing chaperones and/or drivers to a youth purchase survey event on March 26, 2011 to commence at the Huntington Park Library.

Assistant Planner Joanna Cortez briefly reviewed the *Smokefree Housing Ordinance Checklist*, which includes suggested regulations to incorporate in the City's proposed ordinance regulating smoking in multi-family housing. Ms. Cortez stated that the City's smoking regulations ad hoc committee will meet on April 5, 2011, and the committee's input will be included in the development of the proposed ordinances.

Senior Planner Fontanez encouraged the Commissioners to thoroughly review the checklist and provide input to staff for the completion of three draft ordinances addressing: 1) tobacco retail licensing; 2) smokefree housing; and 3) overall smokefree City policy/regulations.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Fontanez added that staff would present the draft ordinances to the Commission for review in approximately two months, and subsequently to the City Council for consideration.

C. Discussion and/or action regarding the Healthy Eating Active Living Cities:

Senior Planner Fontanez reported that staff has been working with representatives of the Healthy Eating Active Living Cities (HEAL) who are assisting in creating a City policy requiring that all vending machines in City facilities provide healthy snacks.

Commissioner Herrera motioned, seconded by Vice Chair Savage, to direct staff to prepare a draft resolution establishing a policy requiring that all vending machines in City facilities provide healthy snacks only. The motion carried. Mr. Fontanez stated that staff would present a draft ordinance at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

D. Discussion and/or action regarding the Healthy Policies Initiative:

Senior Planner Fontanez stated that, as presented by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Department at the Commission meeting of February 22, 2011, Huntington Park is one of ten cities that would be eligible to receive technical assistance from Los Angeles County through its Healthy Policies Initiative. Los Angeles County will award two of the ten cities with a grant for the development of healthy policies, which may include establishing bike- and pedestrian-friendly regulations. Mr. Fontanez stated that staff would provide an update on the Healthy Policies Initiative and awarded cities at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

E. Discussion and/or action on the All-America City Award:

Housing and Community Development Manager Manuel Acosta reported that the National Civic League had accepted the City's application for the 2011 All-America City Award. Mr. Acosta stated that finalists would be announced in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion and/or action regarding Harvard University’s “Salud Digna” Case Study:

Ms. Alicia Tamayac, Administrator, and Mr. Raul Carrillo, Field Director, conducted a presentation of the non-profit medical organization “Salud Digna.” Ms. Tamayac stated that Salud Digna originated in the Mexican state of Sinaloa and currently operates 18 clinics in Mexico. Ms. Tamayac added that the goal of “Salud Digna” is to provide dignified health services at low-cost or free of charge to low-income people who are in great need of medical services. Ms. Tamayac stated that services include, but are not limited to, transportation for clinic visits, lunch during medical visits, and quality medical care utilizing FDA-approved equipment. Ms. Tamayac stated that “Salud Digna” is very excited to open its first U.S. clinic in Huntington Park in June 2011, subject to approval of all required operating permits. Ms. Tamayac stated that “Salud Digna” selected Huntington Park due to its predominant Hispanic population and thanked the City for the opportunity to provide the Huntington Park community with excellent and trustworthy health care.

Chairman Zaldivar-Motts thanked Ms. Tamayac and Mr. Carrillo for their presentation and for the forthcoming medical services provided by “Salud Digna” to the Huntington Park community.

SUBJECTS PRESENTED BY STAFF:

None.

SUBJECTS PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONERS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Zaldivar-Motts adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary