

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park
Health and Education Commission
held on July 24, 2012**

Chairperson Herrera called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. Present: Commissioners Leticia Martinez, Martha Walker, and Chairperson Victoria Herrera; Absent: Commissioners Victor Dominguez (declared unexcused) and Samuel Flores (declared unexcused). Senior Planner Albert Fontanez and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

None.

(Commissioner Flores arrived and took his seat at 11:13 a.m.)

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Presentation regarding the City of Huntington Park Proposed Water Rate schedule.

City Consultant Desi Alvarez conducted a PowerPoint presentation on the City's water system. The presentation included a summary of the following:

- i) Water System Components;
- ii) Water Supply Sources;
- iii) Water Consumption;
- iv) Water System Facilities and Quality;
- v) Water System Needs;
- vi) Existing and Proposed Rate Structures

Mr. Alvarez reported that the City's General Fund has been subsidizing the Water Fund, which has been depleted because of rising water costs and decreased water consumption in the community. Mr. Alvarez added that the proposed rate adjustment was necessary in order to keep up with maintenance, operation and water costs of the City's water system. Mr. Alvarez stated that the City Council would consider the proposed rates at a public hearing scheduled for August 20, 2012 and, if approved the new rates would become effective on September 1, 2012, and would appear in the October billing statement.

- B. Discussion and/or action regarding participation in the National Night Out event scheduled for August 7, 2012.

Senior Planner Albert Fontanez stated that the Los Angeles Department of Public Health would participate in the event and would be distributing informational brochures on health issues including the "no smoking" County and City campaigns. Mr. Fontanez added that two tables would also be provided for the Commission to participate at the event.

Commissioner Walker stated that she was communicating with County staff regarding having a “health wheel” raffle and providing healthy recipes at the event.

Commissioner Flores added that a blood drive mobile unit from Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital (of Whittier) would be participating at the event to provide information to the community.

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

A. Discussion and/or action regarding goals and objectives for the Health and Education Commission in 2012:

No discussion.

B. Discussion and/or action regarding the Senior Health Fair:

The Commission discussed potential dates to conduct a general community fair in lieu of a health fair, which included the spring at the “Carnaval Primavera” street fair and the “Sabor de Mexico Lindo” fair in the fall.

After a discussion, Commissioner Flores motioned, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to appoint an ad hoc committee to address the planning of a community fair in 2013, appoint Commissioners Flores and Walker to the ad hoc committee, and that the ad hoc committee report back to the Commission and staff at a future Commission meeting. The motion carried.

C. Discussion and/or action regarding childhood obesity:

The Commission and staff concurred to share information regarding “Partnership for a Healthier America,” a national organization dedicated to solving childhood obesity.

Commissioner Walker reported on health and healthcare grants available through the Robert Johnson Foundation and stated that information on the grants would be provided to staff.

SUBJECTS PRESENTED BY STAFF:

Senior Planner Fontanez stated that due to understaffing, Commission meetings could possibly be moved to evening hours.

SUBJECTS PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONERS:

A brief discussion was held regarding conducting outreach to inform and educate the community on healthy living and health care issues. Commissioner Martinez suggested partnership with local supermarkets and churches to pursue the City’s efforts in advocating a healthy lifestyle to community members.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairperson Herrera adjourned the meeting at 11:55 p.m., to Tuesday, September 25, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson – Victoria Herrera

Secretary – Albert G. Fontanez