

City of Huntington Park
Health and Education Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

6:00 pm

Salt Lake Park, Zoom Meeting

3401 E Florence Ave, Huntington Park, CA 90255

The regular meeting of the Health and Education Commission of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:06 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 via Zoom, 3401 E Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Health and Education Chair Ebony Batiste.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Ebony Batiste, Vice Chair Gloria Rodriguez, and Commissioner Iliana Baltazar.
Other City Officials and employees: Director Cynthia Norzagaray, Recreation Manager Celica Quinones, Recreation Coordinator Adilene Santos, Project Manager Ishah Ahumada, and Director of Community Development Steve Forster

PUBLIC APPERANCE - None

STAFF RESPONSES - None

MINUTES

Approval of regular meeting minutes of Health and Education Commission for October 25, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Iliana Baltazar motioned to approve the minutes.

Motion Seconded by Vice Chair Gloria Rodriguez.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Chair Ebony Batiste, Gloria Rodriguez, and Iliana

Baltazar

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s):

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 2023 Work Plan Discussion

- **5K Health and Education Expo**

- Director Cynthia Norzagaray informed the commissioners on the Parks Event and invited the Health and Education Commission to have a table in the Expo to provide the community with information on a project as done previously in years past. Vice Commissioner Gloria Rodriguez asked if it was possible to bring a table to bring information from her school. Director Cynthia Norzagaray informed Vice Commissioner Gloria Rodriguez that as soon as a vendor packet was available it would be provided to her. Commissioner Iliana Baltazar also requested the vendor packet to be provided to her.

- **Autism and Special Needs Awareness Fair and LGBTQ+ Fair**

- Vice Commissioner Gloria Rodriguez stated her approval towards the layout and space provided to her in the last meeting and asked if she could get more information towards the approval of the invitation to begin marketing to organizations that would like to participate towards both events. Director Cynthia Norzagaray stated to her that she would send her the contact information of where to email it to for approval. Vice Commissioner Gloria Rodriguez extended the invitation to Commissioners Ebony Batiste and Iliana Baltazar to work together and asked if they knew any organizations to invite.

- **Pride Month**

- Commissioner Iliana Baltazar asked Vice Commissioner Gloria Rodriguez if she envisioned for this event more of a fair or a festival with singer as other cities have conducted. Vice Chair Gloria Rodriguez clarified that this event was in correlation with the LGBTQ+ Fair event. Vice Chair Gloria Rodriguez informed the commissioners what she envisioned for participants.

- **Book Fair**

- Chair Ebony Batiste asked if it was possible to look at tentative dates. Director Cynthia Norzagaray informed Chair Ebony Batiste to submit dates and times in order to confirm if the location is available.

- **Health and Education Commission Art Contest**

- Chair Ebony Batiste stated that she would like for this item to be tabled. Commissioner Iliana Baltazar asked if this could be incorporated for the summer concerts. Director Cynthia Norzagaray informed her that she wasn't sure if this event was coming back due to funding and that the location for these events is no longer available due to damages to the field. Commissioner Iliana Baltazar agreed that it could be something that can be tabled. Chair Ebony Batiste explained to the commissioners how the art contest was previously ran. Commissioner Iliana Baltazar asked if this is something that could be marketed during arts and crafts at the park. Director Cynthia Norzagaray informed her that depending on the theme that the commissioners would choose can determine the medium the kids would use. Commissioner Iliana Baltazar stated if she could add something to the work plan. Chair Ebony Batiste presented the commissioners with the idea for an Alzheimer's event with information for the

community. Commissioner Iliana Baltazar suggested to put it in the work plan and have informational flyers for the community of their future events.

2. Upcoming Commission Oversight by Community Development

Director Cynthia Norzagaray Informed commissioners of the Health and Education Commission Transfer from Parks and Recreation to the Community Development Department starting on February 28, 2023 overlooked by Steve Forster. Director of Community Development Steve Forster introduced himself to the commissioners with some background information and introduced Project Manager Ishah Ahumada. . Director of Community Development Steve Forster stated that the commissioners might have to return to in person meetings awaiting City Councils Decision.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Director Cynthia Norzagaray informed Commissioners about the American Red Cross Blood Drive at Salt Lake Park Gym taking place from 10:00am-4:00pm and invited Commissioners to Donate Blood. Director Cynthia Norzagaray also informed the Commissioners about the upcoming Veterans Brunch on February 25 with the V.A. of Greater Los Angeles for Huntington Park veterans at Huntington Park Community Center from 11:00am-2:00pm. Director Cynthia Norzagaray stated that once the flyer is approved, we will be sending the invitation to the commissioners.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Director Cynthia Norzagaray thanked the commissioners and stated that although transitioning Parks and Recreation will still be around to help our during their events and locations for events.

Chair Ebony Batiste appreciated all the hard work, effort, and the coming out to the events they Parks and Recreation has done and being a part of whatever they needed. Thankful for the support and work that Parks and Recreation has done.

Vice Chair Gloria Rodriguez expressed her gratitude towards Parks and Recreation for the time and guidance of the commission's process, as well as her excitement of the events coming up.

Commissioner Iliana Baltazar expressed her gratitude towards Parks and Recreation for the patience shown to her, the guidance through the commissioners process, is looking forward to continue to work with Parks and Recreation and looking forward to doing what's best for the community.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:43p.m. Chair Ebony Batiste adjourned the City of Huntington Park Health and Education

Commission Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2022.