

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park
Health and Education Commission
held March 24, 2008**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Arlene Savage. Present: Commissioners Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, Enrique Murillo, Victoria Herrera and Chairperson Arlene Savage. Also in attendance were Mayor Elba Guerrero, Housing and Community Development Manager Manuel G. Acosta, Assistant Planner Albert Fontanez and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Minutes of the Meeting held on February 25, 2008:

A motion was made by Commissioner Murillo, seconded by Commissioner Savage, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 25, 2008. Ayes: Savage and Murillo; Noes: None; Absent: Zaldivar-Motts; Abstain: Herrera.

Public Appearances:

None.

Discussion and/or action on a voluntary program to eliminate the use of artificial Trans fats in local food establishments:

Assistant Planner Albert Fontanez stated that the City of San Francisco, as well as the City of Tiburon, currently have a voluntary program in effect and will be acquiring information from both cities. Chairperson Savage requested to receive and file this report, pending completion of a detailed research and a review of staff's report prior to submitting to City Council.

Discussion and or action on developing a Calendar of Events for the Health and Education Commission:

The Commission unanimously decided to table this item for further discussion and to inquire with other City Commissions as to their activities within the Community.

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

Following a brief discussion, Chairperson Savage requested to table this item for further discussion.

Discussion and/or action on fundraisers for a High School scholarship program for students residing in Huntington Park:

Following a brief discussion, Chairperson Savage requested to table this item for further discussion.

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

Commissioner Savage left the meeting at 6:40 p.m., due to her financial interest in the Mission and Community Hospitals, which therefore disqualifies her from this matter.

Mayor Guerrero met with staff at CMH regarding the city's concerns and stated that the City has no authority over the decisions that are made by the hospital since they are a privately owned hospital. She also reported that Mission Hospital is now closed. Mayor Guerrero added that Community Hospital is the only available hospital in the City of Huntington Park.

Following a brief discussion, the Commission requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

Information items:

Mayor Guerrero informed the Commission that she met with Yolie Aguilar, Vice President of the Los Angeles Unified School District #5, regarding the "Baby Think It Over" program and was informed by Ms. Aguilar that the teachers felt that the program was more of a distraction rather than a benefit.

Mayor Guerrero also informed the Commissioners that Gage Middle School is having an event "A Night of Music at Gage" on May 8, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and suggested that the Commissioners attend in the event.

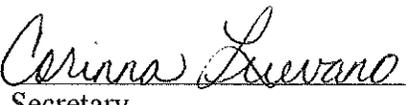
Mayor Guerrero encouraged the Commission to participate in the Women's Club "Walk of Health" event. Mayor Guerrero also suggested a program called "Safe Route", an event similar to one performed in the city of Artesia, where children are taught safe routes to and from school.

In coordination with the Children's Health Fair in April, the Commission requested that staff invite Rafael Barajas of the Los Angeles Community Legal Center to make a presentation on lead based paint at the next scheduled meeting in April. Mr. Acosta stated that staff is currently working with contractors to inform residents working with lead and its' effect on children.

Commissioner Motts informed the Commission that he met with the American Diabetes Association as well as the American Heart Association asked them to conduct an outreach to the community. Commissioner Motts added that he has submitted a proposal to the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina to request funding for a health coalition office within the City.

There being no further business, Chairperson Savage adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.


Chairperson


Secretary