Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park Health and Education Commission held August 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Arlene Savage. Present: Commissioners Samuel Flores, Enrique Murillo, Victoria Herrera, Vice Chair Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, and Chairperson Arlene Savage. Also in attendance were Senior Planner Albert Fontanez, Assistant Planner Mercenia Lugo and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Minutes of the meeting held on July 28, 2008:

A motion was made by Commissioner Zaldivar-Motts, seconded by Commissioner Herrera, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 28, 2008, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances:

None.

Discussion and/or action on changing the day and time that the Health and Education Commission meets from the fourth Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. to the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.:

Following a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Murillo, seconded by Commissioner Herrera, to change the day and time of the Health and Education Commission meetings from the fourth Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. to the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and/or action on a "Walk to School Day" to promote health awareness among teens:

Vice Chair Cesar Zaldivar-Motts stated that he met with Marisela De La Torre, "Safe Kids Worldwide" Chapter Leader, and drove through the City determining safe areas to conduct the event. A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Flores entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Chairman Savage requested City staff to announce at the next City Council meeting a proposed amount for the cost of the event.

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

Senior Planner Albert Fontanez informed the Commission that the State legislative item to eliminate the use of artificial trans fats in local food establishments was approved on July 25, 2008 and will go into effect in the year 2010.

Discussion and/or action on upcoming Senior Fair during the month of October 2008:

Chairperson Savage informed the Commission that she will be conducting a meeting on Tuesday, August 26, to discuss and organize the event.

Information Items:

Mr. Fontanez, introduced Mercenia Lugo, new Assistant Planner to the Community Development Department, who will be assisting him with the Commission's activities.

Commissioner Zaldivar-Motts presented a letter from LAUSD regarding toxic as well as environmental issues. In addition, Mr. Motts stated that there will be a press conference on September 11, in the city of Vernon to discuss the California Emergency Technology Fund along with the Public Utility Commission, to discuss the Technology Fund. Lastly Mr. Motts stated that the Department of Child Family Services will be conducting a program with the youth "Fatherhood Initiative," which identifies teen fathers and discusses fatherhood issues and responsibilities as a father on a daily basis.

There being no further business, Chairperson Savage adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Chairperson

Corina Kuwana Secretary