

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park
Health and Education Commission
held February 24, 2009**

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 Mayor Elba Guerrero, Housing and Community Development Manager Manny Acosta, Planning Manager Eric Garcia, Senior Planner Albert Fontanez, Assistant Planner Gabriela Silva and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 27, 2009:

A motion was made by Commissioner Enrique Murillo, seconded by Commissioner Victoria Herrera, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 27, 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances:

Planning Manager Eric Garcia introduced Assistant Planner Gabriela Silva, who will be staff liaison for the 2010 Census. Ms. Silva will be coordinating with the Commission to assist with the marketing phase of the Census.

Discussion and/or action regarding the development of an outreach program and budget to increase resident awareness and participation in the 2010 Census count:

Mr. Garcia indicated that the City Council has requested that the Health and Education Commission (HEC) be designated as the City's core committee for the 2010 Census. Mr. Garcia stated that the 2010 Census is rapidly approaching and would like the Commission to begin mobilizing and devising a plan to prepare an awareness plan of the 2010 Census. In addition, the City Council requested that the HEC develop two additional committees. Mr. Garcia stated that the HEC along with other City Commissioners would join in a steering committee and then a second committee would include members of the community, non-profit organizations and residents.

Mr. Acosta stated that he is currently developing a budget for the project which he will be presenting to the City Council. Commissioner Zaldivar-Motts gave a brief history of the Census that was conducted in the year 2000. Mr. Garcia stated that outreach for the Census should begin in March, at the latest, in April. Chairperson Savage suggested to City staff to purchase a banner that will announce the kick-off of the event at the 16th Annual Carnaval Primavera Downtown Festival, April 3, 4 & 5, sponsored by the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Zaldivar-Motts added that it is important to obtain an accurate count of people living in the City to assure federal funding for various programs. Chairperson Savage added that it would be beneficial to include participation of all City Commissioners.

Mr. Garcia suggested that free advertising be utilized through the City reader boards, the City website and the City newsletter, informing residents of the upcoming 2010 Census.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Herrera, to authorize staff to purchase a banner for the kick-off event of the 2010 Census as well as form a committee to include Chairperson Savage and Commissioner Zaldivar-Motts. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and/or action regarding various Fairs/Events the Health & Education Commission will be sponsoring in 2009:

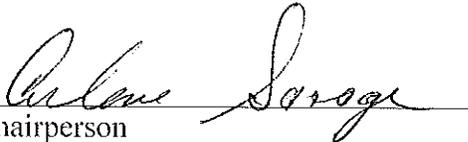
Mr. Fontanez informed the Commission that he spoke with Danny Bueno from the Parks and Recreation Department, and that he will be providing the Commission information regarding the “Month of the Child” event.

Commissioner Flores informed the Commission that he would have a representative at the next meeting to make a presentation regarding a local Health Fair.

Information Items:

None.

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


Chairperson


Secretary