

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park  
Health and Education Commission  
held February 22, 2011**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Arlene Savage. Present: Commissioners Victoria Herrera, Enrique Murillo and Vice Chair Savage. Absent: Commissioner Samuel Flores and Chairman Cesar Zaldivar-Motts (excused, due to illness). Also in attendance were Senior Planner Albert Fontanez and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2011:***

A motion was made by Commissioner Murillo, seconded by Commissioner Herrera, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 25, 2011, as presented. The motion carried.

***PUBLIC APPEARANCES:***

None.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

***A. Discussion and/or action regarding the Healthy Policies Initiative:***

Senior Planner Fontanez introduced Ms. Gayle Haberman of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Department, who made a presentation on the Los Angeles County Healthy Policies Initiative. Ms. Haberman stated that among the goals of the Healthy Policies Initiative is to help the City's objective in becoming a HEAL (Healthy Eating, Active Living) City. Ms. Haberman conducted a PowerPoint presentation on "Public Health and Community Design" which included information on:

- Health Impact of Transportation and Street Design
- Street improvements promoting traffic safety, reduce congestion and air pollution
- Statistics on childhood obesity and adult exercise/physical activity in Los Angeles County
- Los Angeles County technical assistance to 10 cities with high childhood obesity rates, including Huntington Park (2-3 cities will be awarded free assistance)
- City of Culver City Safe Routes to School Plan
- Potential Street Improvements for Bike Master Plans (including "Road Diets")
- Walkable commercial streets with pedestrian-friendly features
- Transportation programs and facilities to encourage walking and bicycling in pedestrian- and family-friendly communities

*Commissioner Samuel Flores arrived at the meeting and took his seat as 5:52 p.m.*

Ms. Haberman stated that the application for the County's technical assistance program, which shall include a letter of support from the City Manager, is tentatively due in March.

After a discussion, Vice Chair Savage motioned, seconded by Commissioner Flores, to direct staff to investigate the type of health-related programs/policies that the City can implement to encourage the use of pedestrian and bicycle activities. The motion carried.

The Commission also recommended that the presentation of “Public Health and Community Design” be made to the City Council.

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

***A. Discussion and/or action regarding goals and objectives for Health and Education in 2011.***

- 1) Walk to School Day – Senior Planner Fontanez reported that the event would be held in October.
- 2) Safety Fair – Senior Planner Fontanez reported that the event would be held in October.
- 3) Relay for Life – Commissioner Herrera reported that the event would be held on June 25-26 at Salt Lake Park.

***B. Discussion and/or action regarding proposed tobacco regulations:***

Senior Planner Fontanez stated that staff is working with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Project TRUST, in developing three proposed City ordinances addressing smoking regulations in multi-family residential structures, commercial/retail establishments, and City parks, respectively. Staff will present the draft ordinances to the Commission for review and comment prior to submitting for consideration by the City Council. A meeting with the Smoking Regulations Ad hoc Committee will be scheduled for March.

***C. Discussion and/or action regarding the Healthy Eating Active Living Cities:***

Senior Planner Fontanez reported that the City’s Director of Parks and Recreation has confirmed that all vending machines located at City parks are now supplied with healthy foods.

***D. Discussion and/or action on the All-America City Award:***

Senior Planner Fontanez reported that the application is due on March 15, 2011.

***SUBJECTS PRESENTED BY STAFF:***

None.

***SUBJECTS PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONERS:***

Commissioner Herrera restated that the Relay for Life would be held in June.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

There being no further business, Vice Chair Savage adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary