

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park  
Health and Education Commission  
held April 26, 2011**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chairman Zaldivar-Motts. Present: Commissioners Enrique Murillo, Arlene Savage, Victoria Herrera, and Chairman Cesar Zaldivar-Motts; Absent: Commissioner Samuel Flores. Also in attendance were Senior Planner Albert Fontanez, Housing and Community Development Manager Manuel Acosta, and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

***MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 22, 2011:***

A motion was made by Commissioner Murillo, seconded by Vice Chair Savage, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 22, 2011 as presented. The motion carried.

Motion by Chairman Zaldivar-Motts, seconded by Vice Chair Savage, to establish as a “subsequent need” item the reorganization of the Health and Education Commission as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating the immediate consideration and/or action of the Commission. The motion carried.

Chairman Zaldivar-Motts vacated the seat of Chairman of the Health and Education Commission. Vice Chair Savage called for nominations for Chair. Commissioner Herrera nominated Commissioner Savage for Chair. Commissioner Zaldivar-Motts seconded the nomination. Commissioner Murillo nominated Commissioner Zaldivar-Motts for Chair. Hearing no second to Commissioner Murillo’s nomination, the nomination died. By unanimous vote, the Commission elected Commissioner Savage as Chair of the Commission.

Chair Savage nominated Commissioner Herrera for Vice Chair. Commissioner Zaldivar-Motts seconded the nomination. The vote carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Zaldivar-Motts, Herrera, Chair Savage; Noes: Commissioner Murillo; Absent: Commissioner Flores.

***PUBLIC APPEARANCES:***

None.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

***A. Discussion and/or action regarding a proposed healthy food and beverage policy:***

Senior Planner Fontanez reported that in collaboration with the California Center for Public Health Advocacy, staff had prepared a draft resolution adopting a healthy food and beverage policy for the Commission’s review and comments. Mr. Fontanez briefly reviewed the draft resolution and noted that the proposed regulations do not apply to public events. Mr. Fontanez added that staff would present the draft resolution for consideration by the City Council on May 16, 2011.

Mr. Alfred Mota, representing the Los Angeles County Public Health Department, addressed the Commission and expressed the Health Department's continued support of the City's goal to adopt a policy promoting the health and welfare of the community.

Commissioner Zaldivar-Motts motioned, seconded by Commissioner Herrera, to recommend to the City Council the adoption of a resolution adopting a healthy food and beverage policy. The motion carried.

***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:***

No discussion or action was taken.

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

Ms. Katie Van Cleave and Mr. David Reynoso of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Project TRUST, distributed handouts of the official report of the "youth purchase survey" conducted in March. Ms. Van Cleave briefly reviewed the survey findings, which showed that 42.9% of retailers surveyed were willing to sell cigarettes to minors. Mr. Reynoso announced that Project TRUST would be conducting outreach community workshops at Gage Middle School to continue the efforts in establishing smoking regulations in the City.

After a brief discussion, Senior Planner Fontanez stated that staff would present to the City Council a resolution in support of modifying and adopting standards related to establishing smoking regulations in the City, followed by draft ordinances addressing tobacco retail licensing; 2) smokefree housing; and 3) overall smokefree City policy/regulations.

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

Senior Planner Fontanez reported that the National Civic League has selected Huntington Park as one of twenty-six finalist cities for the 2011 All-America City Award. Mr. Fontanez stated that ten cities would be awarded the All-America City designation at the awards event on June 15-17, 2011 in Kansas City. Mr. Fontanez added that the City's All-America City Award Fund Presentation and Fundraising Committee is actively working on fundraising ideas and the event presentation program. Mr. Fontanez stated that the three City projects included in the application are 1) the Police Department JAR (Juveniles as Risk) program; 2) a recycling program sponsored by Waste Management ("Promoting Civic Engagement by Greening Huntington Park"); and 3) and an education program ("The Alliance for Improved Educational Opportunities"), a partnership between Huntington Park schools and the City.

***SUBJECTS PRESENTED BY STAFF:***

None.

***SUBJECTS PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONERS:***

Commissioner Herrera announced that the Southeast Cities Relay for Life will hold a benefit breakfast on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at The Salvation Army, Southeast Communities Corps, located at 2965 Gage Avenue.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

There being no further business, Chair Savage adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary