



# MINUTES

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## CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 29, 2013  
11:00 a.m.

Chairperson Herrera called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. Present: Commissioners Samuel Flores, Martha Walker, and Chair Victoria Herrera; Absent: Commissioners Leticia Martinez and Victor Dominguez. Also present: Housing and Community Development Manager Manuel Acosta.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 24, 2012, as revised (reflect Commissioner Flores present at roll call). Motion carried.

### **Public Appearances**

Public Health Nurse Heidi Lopez of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health of Los Angeles County Department of Public Health presented the new "Walking School Bus" program which is a component of the Safe Route to Schools project. The "Walking School Bus" is two or more families walking together for safety. The activity will be held every first Friday of every month, beginning on April 1, 2013 and will start at the IHOP restaurant on Santa Fe Avenue to Middleton Elementary School.

### **Presentation**

- A. Presentation by *The Wall – Las Memorias Project*, a nonprofit organization "dedicated to promoting wellness and preventing illness" in Los Angeles County.

Ms. Kimberly Ramirez introduced the organization which focuses on serving the Latino community, primarily in the Southeast Los Angeles area, in providing HIV/AIDS awareness and substance abuse prevention programs. Ms. Ramirez expressed the organization's interest in partnering and collaborating with the City in health and education events to promote its HIV/AIDS awareness campaign.

### **New Business**

- A. Discussion and/or action regarding "No Soda/Sugar-free Concept."

Housing and Community Development Manager Manuel Acosta stated that Public Health Nurse Heidi Lopez would provide reading materials on healthy drinks (“Rethink Your Drink” campaign) to local schools to continue the promotion of the upcoming “No Soda Day” scheduled for April 19, 2013. Mr. Acosta added that the Health Department had provided posters for distribution. Mr. Acosta stated that staff would present for City Council approval a proclamation declaring “No Soda Day.”

B. Discussion and/or action regarding the Health Fair.

- 1) Considered venues: a) Oldtimers Foundation, b) Salt Lake Park, possibly same day as Farmers Market
- 2) Contact Director of Parks and Recreation for availability of City facilities
- 3) Consider mobile units
- 4) Present to City Council for approval
- 5) Logistics (including set-up, i.e. tents, tables and engage Police and Parks and Recreation Departments)

**Unfinished Business, Discussion Items, or General Comments, Presented by Commissioners and/or Commission Liaison:**

- A) Email staff on Commission meeting time
- B) City badges for Commissioners

**Subjects Presented By Staff**

None.

**Subjects presented by Commissioners**

Commissioner Flores stated that he has communicated with representatives of the Cal Fresh, California’s food stamp program, who have expressed interest in having a Farmers Market in the City’s downtown. Mr. Flores will report back to the Commission.

**Closed Session**

None.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairperson Herrera adjourned the meeting to Tuesday, March 26, 2013.