



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REGULAR HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

Huntington Park City Hall
City Council Chambers
6550 Miles Avenue
Huntington Park, California 90255

Chairperson Batiste called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

No quorum.

PRESENT: Commissioner Iliana Baltazar, and Commissioner Liselda Fabian.

ABSENT: Chair Ebony Batiste, and Vice Chair Gloria Rodriguez

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director, Steve Forster, and Project Manager, Ishah Ahumada.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Baltazar

PUBLIC APPEARANCE – None

STAFF RESPONSES – None

CONSENT ITEMS

The Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the Health and Education Commission for June 27, 2023, was postponed for the next Health and Education Commission Meeting in August.

PRESENTATION

1. Food Access and Placemaking Project Charette
Planning Interns from Rincon Consultants presented a PowerPoint to the Commission describing the vision and goals to promote environmental justice in the City of Huntington Park by using a community garden program to improve public health and economic development.

PUBLIC COMMENT & QUESTIONS

Commissioner Fabian asked interns how this project affects their careers and how doing a project like this helps them in formulating future planning for a job setting.

One of the interns said that they got to engage with the community and listened to people's opinions and concerns to try to encompass an overall proposal of recommendation.

Commissioner Baltazar asked how long it took for the intern's team for this process. The intern said it took about two weeks to complete this project. Commissioner Baltazar said that it's fortunate that the City can have people who take the time to offer beneficial projects for the community.

Community Development Director Forster gave the Commission some of the background on the Environmental Justice Element in the General Plan. Some of the findings were food deserts, shade, and lack of open space. Director Forster said that the presented project will help with many of these issues and will lead to more open space opportunities throughout the City.

REGULAR AGENDA

Items on the regular agenda will be discussed when a full quorum is present.

1. The First Annual LGBTQ+ Pride Fair – Saturday, October 7, 2023, 10 AM – 1 PM
2. 5K Health and Education Booth – Saturday, March 16, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS- No written communication to the staff.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

Director Forster informed the commission about the ongoing construction work in the City, which are grant-funded improvements, such as curb cuts in the corners being developed according to ADA standards.

Director Forster provided some brief updates on ongoing development projects:

- The grand opening of Ross store was a big success with top sales in the first two weeks.
- Farmer Boys Restaurant will have a soft opening in about a week and a grand opening in 4 to 6 weeks.
- Raising Canes on the corner of Slauson and Bickett Street will start construction on July 31.
- Code Enforcement has been out working aggressively on some vacant properties in the City to have developers buy these properties and new advancements.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Baltazar thanked the staff for the presentation.
2. Commissioner Fabian No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 P.M. the City of Huntington Park Health and Education Commission adjourned to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Steve Forster
Community Development Director