

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park  
Health and Education Commission  
held November 27, 2006**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Commissioners Joe Englanoff, Arlene Savage, Jorge Morales, Rosa Perez and Chairman Ric Loya. Also in attendance were Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Councilmember Ofelia Hernandez, Director of Community Development Henry Gray, Assistant Planner Albert Fontanez and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Chairman Loya presented a proclamation designating December 1, 2006 as World Aids Day in the city of Huntington Park. Chairman Loya distributed World Aids Day cups to the Commissioners as well as staff and city council members. Chairman Loya also informed the Commissioners of various events taking place to celebrate World Aids Day.

***Minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 16, 2006:***

A motion was made by Englanoff, seconded by Savage, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on November 16, 2006. The motion was unanimously approved.

***Public Appearances:***

None.

***Discussion and/or action on the proposed Vernon Power Plant:***

Mr. Gray informed the Commissioners that staff will be submitting a report to the City Council with a recommendation from the Health and Education Commission formally opposing the proposed Vernon Power Plant.

***Discussion and/or action on the 5 Cities, 5-a-Day, New Years Resolution campaign:***

Commissioner Savage stated that she is still trying to keep this campaign active and requested that we continue this item to the next agenda.

***Discussion on investigation of Community and Mission Hospitals problems/issues:***

Commissioners Morales and Englanoff both excused themselves from the meeting at 6:50 p.m., due to their financial interest in the Mission and Community Hospitals which therefore disqualifies them from this matter.

Chairman Loya stated that a letter was sent from the City Manager Greg Korduner, to Eric Stone of the Department of Health Services regarding an investigation of Mission and Community Hospitals.

Present to address the Commissioners was Chris Doan, legal counsel for Mission and Community Hospitals. Mr. Doan gave a report on the various ways the hospital is trying to resolve various issues at the hospitals through open communication with hospital staff. Mr. Doan also stated that the Mission Clinic closure and downgrading is currently on hold. When asked by the Commission to review the hospitals financial records, Mr. Doan had advised Mr. Rubin, proprietor of Mission and Community Hospitals, that it would not be in Mr. Rubin's best interest to disclose those records.


Councilmember Hernandez requested a report on the Hospitals from Mr. Doan regarding the hospital status so that she may present the information to the City Council.


*Presentation of the new principal at Gage Junior High:*

Present to address the commissioners was Rose Diaz-Denny principal at Gage Junior High.

Ms. Diaz-Denny informed the Commissioners that her plans for the students are to encourage more involvement from the community with the children. Ms. Diaz-Denny feels that the teachers and parents can not do it alone, that it will take the work of the community, as well as teachers, to train the children. Ms. Diaz-Denny has formed a committee of seven people, which includes staff from the police department, along with teachers, to seek Federal grants that would assist with the various activities for the children.

Chairman Loya adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

  
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