

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 20th OF FEBRUARY 2019 AT 608 HEBER AVE. CALEXICO, CA. CITY OF CALEXICO ON THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED OR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.**

**TO CALL ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by Gloria Romo and Rodolfo Valdez led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:**

Chairperson	Gloria G. Romo
Vice Chairperson	Rodolfo Valdez
Secretary	Norma M. Apodaca
Chief Financial	Gloria Grijalva
Trustee	Hector Martinez

**GUESTS:**

Tomas Virgen-Executive District Manager  
Eduardo Rivera- Attorney  
Brenda Ryan-Board Clerk  
Tony Pimentel-Public Relations

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the agenda for February 20, 2019. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

Mr. Legaspi the reason he is here is because one of the things he would like to do this year is miser a pack and he would like to bring that back. He would like to get some assistance from the district. The plan that he thought was that he had noticed that we had a safety fair and instead of doing the whole throw the eggs on the grass and go look for it. He was thinking of turning it to a safety fair event with the districts assistance including eggs and having some participants coming in and have some fun. That is what he is here for to see if we can collaborate with the police department, Rotarians and the district to have this wonderful event. He does not have a date. They are probably going to set up committee and they wanted to get the district involved because we already had that going on and we could educate them on that and help put together all that. If it is something that works out real well maybe it could be something we can have every year. Mr. Virgen will contact Mr. Legaspi and set a date and once that is done they will come back to the board to give a presentation.

Mr. Olmedo invited the board to attend a health and environmental justice tour. These tours quite a bit for the work that they do. It is important connect of what is happen around us in our environment. He

wants to accommodate the board with that. Jump on a bus or a van and take that tour. They are proposing February 28<sup>th</sup> and he is hoping that date works for all the board.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and seconded by Board Member Martinez to approve the minutes for January 9, 2019 and January 16, 2019 with minor corrections. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

### **REPORTS ON MEETING AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY DIRECTORS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Board Member Grijalva reported that she attended 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Carnegie Library event. It was well attended and learned a lot.

Board Member Apodaca also commented on the same event. That she was really to see that Sandra Tauler was celebrated and she noticed that she has been working there for 28 years. She just wanted to say that she is very happy and proud to having someone so dedicated to the community. Mrs. Apodaca also reported that she had a meeting with Calexico High School and Comite Civico and several things were discussed trying to see how we can collaborate and work together.

Board Member Romo reported that on February 7<sup>th</sup> Mr. Valdez and she visited the 400 Mary building and Mr. Virgen will give more information on this under information items. On February 12<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Apodaca and she had informal meeting here in the office with 2 members of Calexico Unified School District and Mr. Virgen will give more information on this item. On February 18<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Grijalva and she had the 2<sup>nd</sup> informal meeting with Pioneers Hospital and Mr. Virgen will also have more information on this item in closed session. She also attended the Carnegie Library event. It was a very good event and is very important history for Calexico.

### **COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL**

Mr. Pimentel reported that the conference for the parks and recreation will be in Baltimore. They have a special event that we can apply for to be recognized for the Wellness Park that we have. All the minutes are up on the web except for November and December but will be up by next week. On February 26<sup>th</sup> we have a meeting with IVC. This is for Mrs. Apodaca, she requested to investigate the flag and the flag should be to the left.

### **COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:**

Mr. Virgen reported that it has been a busy last couple of weeks. We have had multiple meetings and thinks a great progress has been made on some of the projects we will be talking about in information items and he will reserve his comments until we get to those.

### **COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:**

None

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Tony Pimentels contract as District Publicist under negotiation.

Mr. Virgen reported that pretty much he knows that Mr. Rivera is working with Mr. Pimentel with agreement. The last draft of the agreement is quite simple. It is the same as last year with an increase of \$300.00 for additional hours of coverage. He has provided us a copy of his general liability today which he will share with the attorney.

Board Member Valdez asked Mr. Rivera if on the contract he changed, when we talked last time you said you were going to just revise a couple of things that Mr. Pimentel that he did not submit on this contract and the contract was going to stay the same as before. Mr. Rivera reported that the contract was not the same. It was quite different and he emailed a copy of a counter proposal of the contract to negotiate with Mr. Pimentel and he has not contacted him concerning that. Mr. Valdez remembers Mr. Rivers saying that he was just going to add whatever was just missing. That the contract Mr. Pimentel turned in is an old contract and that Mr. Rivera had revised the contract before and there were only minor changes. Mr. Rivera replied with no and it was not the old contract. It was a very distinct and different contract with any additional items that were never covered before. So we modified that but for discussion only and Mr. Pimentel at least he hasn't contacted him and if he has contacted Mr. Virgen he still needs to talk to him. Mr. Virgen reported that he just got the packet right now and it's a very different agreement which he is sure we will have the issues that we wanted corrected so once we get the attorney to review those we should be okay. Mr. Rivera reported that we will put this item on the next meeting and Mr. Pimentel will stay on contract pending the final approval by the board.

2. Status report on 400 Mary Ave.

Mr. Virgen reported that they met with architect Garcia on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. This architect is a very experienced architect. He has a lot of experience. He was the president of Rancho Cucamonga community when it was really small 30 years ago. He has done a lot of work locally and at the request of Mrs. Romo he came and provided a walk through the Mary site. His recommendations which Mr. Virgen tends to agree with him and Mr. Valdez was there with him and could help him fill in the gaps. They did a walk through to this better to see if it is better to knock it down and make it brand new again or can we salvage anything and remodel it. Per his recommendation he thinks we can remodel and will save some money that way. He did stress some points that obviously because of plumbing and etc. that he would recommend making new bathrooms with different line of plumbing. We could fix other bathrooms inside just a couple of patches we need to do the plumbing but he also said that with type of project because it is a big project we need a project manager number 1, to be in charge of all those details and that because it is a big project we would have obviously discuss it through committee etc. and so it is for a remodel recommendation and Mr. Virgen agrees with it. After they did the walk through and looked at the little holes set in the foundation Mr. Virgen thinks that it's a great idea. At some point we need to come up with a direction on it. We are going to talk about a retreat pretty soon in one of these comments. Now he also did recommend it because of the location and parking etc. that, that building is better suited for our office rather than for patient traffic because of access etc. and the location.

Mr. Valdez would like to add that we have to think of the recommendation of the architect Garcia in terms if we want to do an office or something for patients. We have to be very clear with what

we want and in terms of demolishing the building and doing a remodel is better to remodel because of money wise. We will be saving some money in the building if the building is strong enough to go through the remodel and we don't have to completely rebuild it. In the retreat we can probably talk about that and come to a decision on that we want the building to be used for.

3. Agenda items deadline submittal is Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. prior to the following regular meeting.

Mr. Virgen wanted everyone to know that it is very important for everyone to meet our deadline for anything that is going to go out to the board. That it is submitted Wednesday prior by 5pm. The board has an agenda review committee and he wanted to thank the board for taking their time because we did take quite sometime going over every item. What that does is it really enriches us because when we come to present board members are very aware of what is coming and they can help us expand on those issues. Mr. Virgen he wants to thank both of them for being here the whole time and going over every item. He really appreciates all the help.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion and/or action on the Imperial Valley Cancer grant request.

Mr. Virgen is requesting to table this item because there is still some research that he needs to do before presenting it. There was two request that he received and one of them we already have Mr. Pimentel running our webpage so what he wants to do is get together with Mrs. Chen and go over this so he could get better prepared himself and then he can present it to the board agenda review committee next Wednesday and we can bring it back to our next meeting if that is okay.

Mrs. Chen would like to ask a question. They submitted in January and they are still seeing patients and are seeing them here and that is 22 that they have seen. The contract was up in December and it is not like they are not going to be seeing people in Calexico. Calexico is their largest expense already. Her question is, since they came the last meeting and this meeting she guess that what she is wondering is what the process is of action to take it to the next step because they are struggle right now and now they are into a month of finding out what the process is.

Mr. Virgen informed her that we just started a new review committee for our agenda and those members need to be brief fully on that before we actually take action on it. Right now he felt a little premature and he would like to bring it back for the next time for the action on it.

Motion was made by Board Member Grijalva and second by Board Member Valdez to table this item. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

2. Discussion and/or action on the Calexico Wellness Center Festival de Corazon.

Mrs. Morales presented and informed the board that they are putting this event together for the seniors. The event will be February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm-9:30pm at the De Anza Hotel in Calexico. The donation request is for \$1057.00.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Valdez to approve donating \$1057.00 to the Calexico Wellness Center Festival de Corazon. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

3. Discussion and/or action on the Calexico School District project:
  1. Calexico High School Scholarship program.

Mr. Virgen reported that this only for CUSD graduates only and it's for 20 scholarships for \$1,000.00. The application is a little lengthy but it's expected but we decided and Mrs. Apodaca was here in the meeting and Mrs. Romo and we did have a great conversation about trying to capture students that are going to go into healthcare related fields and what we also wanted was to have a grade point average of 3.0 or above. He is not saying that raising the bar on the GPA is anybody is trying to put on there but in reality 3.0 and above is fair enough. We do have a lot of students in that high school that have financial need and this would be great for them. This is what he recommends that once they provide that approval that we give the check directly to the student. The deadline will be March 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Virgen is requesting to appoint having a scholarship committee so that every year when we do this if we decide to do this again that we have a committee that reviews these applications. The school will filter them to make sure that you get applications from those students that are going for healthcare and meet the standards. Then the review committee will look over those and then obviously make the motion for the board for approval and then once they submit the packet to us and its complete then we can go ahead and approve.

Board Member Romo informed the board that the district that since 2013 Heffernan has awarded 69 scholarships to Calexico High School students totaling the amount of 40 thousand dollars.

Board Member Martinez thinks that the application process is the way it should be. He feels that we should raise the G.P.A. He recommends a 3.3 G.P.A and Mrs. Romo agree with Mr. Martinez. Board Member Grijalva does not agree with that, she feels a 2.0. Mr. Martinez explained that the reason he feels a 3.3 is because that little gap from 3.0-3.3 there is going to be a lot of applicants in between that gap that we can get rid of. Mr. Virgen informed the board that we may not get any applications at all and that is the reality, or not get enough, out of wake ones and what we can do is stash that money for something else for next year. We do not have to award the money. Mr. Martinez is recommending that as a board makes a video and posts it online and then all the students are going to share it and see it and that way they know about this application and we will receive a lot of applications. Maybe the school has a Facebook page that they can post there. Mr. Virgen also recommended flyers. We can work on the video and some flyers.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the scholarship applications with a modification of the G.P.A from a 3.0 to at 3.3. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Martinez

NOES: Grijalva

Board Member Grijalva believes in the scholarship but does not agree with the G.P.A.

The board appointed Mr. Martinez and Mrs. Apodaca for the scholarship committee.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the scholarship committee. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

2. Calexico Swimming pool program subject to Calexico Unified School Board approval.

Mr. Virgen informed the board that during that same meeting of scholarship they did talk about the possibility of renewing the swimming pool program for 30 thousand dollars. It is the same program as last year.

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca and second by Board Member Martinez to approve the swimming pool program. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

4. Discussion and/or action Attorney Rivera's contract.

Mr. Virgen reported that we have a letter agreement with Mr. Rivera that says the services that are covered and the rates. The discussion was can we have a formal type of agreement 2-3 page agreement with expectations on it and if were to do that, that would be recommendation.

Board Member Apodaca does not have a problem with having an agreement if it is going to be the same and clear and having an hourly rate.

Board Member Romo informed the board that since September 2011 we have only one letter contract for Mr. Rivera. To her opinion she proposes to make a formal contract per fiscal year. Board Member Apodaca is in total agreement if that is the wishes of the board. Mr. Virgen informed the board that the conversation he had with Mrs. Romo is that we want to standardize the way we all for all services. That way they all look the same and he will work with Mr. Rivera.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and second by Board Member Martinez to approve revising Mr. Rivera contract. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

5. Discussion and/or action on setting a retreat date for March 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Valdez to approve the retreat date for March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

6. Discussion and/or action on the treasurer report.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the treasurer report. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

Imperial Valley Cancer

The City

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Martinez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Second by Board Member Apodaca. All in favor.