

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 6th 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 Hector Martinez 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 Grijalva to approve the agenda for February 6, 2019. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

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 the Alliance Foundation meeting in San Diego on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Basically she thought it would be helping us on how to apply for the million dollar grant but it was more generalizes of the agencies that received the million dollars grant gave their presentation. What they did infancies a lot was to have a grant writer to do it for us because it will take a year to put it all together. They are going to award one February 15<sup>th</sup> and that is a little too late for us because we just found out. She also went to the Senior Health Fair and there was like 600 seniors but from Calexico she only thinks we had about 25. We were lucky if we had 30 there. The majority were from Brawly or Imperial. It was great they way all different agencies were giving information but Calexico Seniors were not there. She also attended the ACHD in Sacramento and they all got certified in the Brown Act.

Board Member Valdez reported that he also went to the Senior Health Fair. He agrees with Mrs. Grijalva we need more participation from our senior citizens and he also attend the ACHD Leadership in Sacramento. It was a review of the Brown Act and ways we can improve on how we conduct our meetings and behalf ourselves in the meetings.

Board Member Martinez reported that he also attended the ACHD in Sacramento. It was very informative. It taught us how to manage proper board governance, work as a team, how to talk amongst each other and how to not violate the brown act whether it's outside, emails and everything like that. It was very professional and there were also some motivational speakers that taught us how to go out to the community and reach out to people. It was very informative.

Board Member Romo reported that she also attended the ACHD in Sacramento and she agrees with Mr. Valdez and Mr. Martinez.

#### **COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL**

Mr. Pimentel reported that he attended the Alliance Health Fair in San Diego last. He presented a video of the event. He also attended the Senior Fair. He reported that there were only 22 seniors from Calexico that attended the senior fair. They did a small survey for the seniors from Calexico and there were 18 females and 4 males.

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

None

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

None

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Update on 400 Mary Ave.

Mr. Virgen reported that there was a question to add to the agenda to discuss the possibilities and it's something we discussed about in some point getting together with an architect to find what we can do with the site but we really haven't had a conversation about it. We want to get it on the agenda to get it starting points on what are we going to do with 400 Mary. It's something that when we have a conversation about the strategic plan it's going to be what we are going to do with that site. Mr. Virgen express that it would be nice if we had a little something on what options we have by an architect to close to reality cost.

Mr. Valdez informed Mr. Virgen that he believes that we already had an estimate or a proposal by an architect that came here last year to remodel it and bring it up to code and remodel and it was over a million dollars. We already had that now we need to look into how it costs to tear it down or sell it. That is another option.

Board Member Romo thinks that we need other options. For it is necessary to investigate other options. Mr. Virgen agrees with Mrs. Romo because we had said to either remodel what it is. In other words fixing the plumbing and everything that needs to be fixed to bring it up to code,

which will be expense because it needs to be brought up t code or knocking it down and making it brand new again or knocking it down and just looking at the land. It would be nice that once we decide what direction we are going to go to get an architect to give us those options and then we decide this is the direction we are going to go and if we are going to build and what are we going to build for.

Board Member Grijalva asked if that means are we going to get RFP's. Mr. Virgen replied with yes and what he would like to do is make that the first part of our strategic plan as we are doing the direction that we bring that in place and then that you as a board make a decision on what options do we want to float out there and then do the RFP. The RFP process can take up to 3-4 months to get enough responses back and then to evaluate them and then from there you can either decide to go with them or go with somebody else.

2. Update on the Calexico Asthma Program

Board Member Grijalva expressed that she just got the back up and she would like to study it a little bit more and would like to table the item. Board Member Martinez informed Mrs. Grijalva that this item is only for information.

Esther Bejarano is the health manager for their programs at Comite Civico del Valle gave a brief update on the program.

3. Update on the Wellness for Kids Program

Dr. Tristan presented a slide show of an update of the Wellness for Kids Program.

4. Presentation by Imperial Valley Cancer Support

Mrs. Chen gave a brief update on the Imperial Valley Cancer Support. Mrs. Chen also presented a proposal of \$2000.00 to have their website on our webpage. To really reflect on what they do and also what we do as an organization.

This item will be placed on the next agenda.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion and/or action on attending the ACHD Legislative Day.

Mr. Virgen reported that this is a great opportunity to go to Sacramento once again in April. This one is a Legislative day. The strength about this one is that you get half a day to go and talk to legislative officers in Sacramento. If you plan to attend please let us know right away because we need to get things scheduled and hotel.

Motion was made by Board Member Martinez and second by Board Member Valdez to approve attending the ACHD Legislative Day in Sacramento. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: None

2. Discussion and/or action on the Wellness Park agreement amendment with the City of Calexico.

Mr. Rivera reported that all the board is doing is ratifying what you have already done and he was advised that you wanted a number 4. This is what was requested for future parks that may determine by the city and Heffernan. Where is Heffernan going to site the wellness equipment? So number 4 covers that and whenever you decide if you decide to use the park over that in Rodriguez park we just prepare another addendum and we will include Rodriguez park in there. But number 4 is a paragraph to let the city know that we are interested in funding additional wellness equipment's but since you haven't decided on one that is the way it was written. Once you decide we just do another addendum and include that one by name. In other words this is the second agreement with clause number 4 that you should consider adopting if you so desire. This addendum is necessary because evidently he remembers an addendum being prepared and taken over there and somehow it got lost in the prior administration of the city. That is the background as to why this is 2 years old. But that is not a problem. The equipment is there. The city is willing to maintain it. You have had meetings with the city official they said it was an agreement with a hand shake and so forth. So this will ratify in writing the addendum plus we let them know that in the future we want to add other parks and hopefully yourself and the city can maybe consider adding Rodriguez Park within the near future. A motion will be needed to approve the addendum. If it approved we will transmit it to the city for the city council to take action at a regular meeting in the future and once they approve it we can get signatures.

Mr. Valdez reported that at the meeting with the city manager and the representative Assemblyman Garcia there was a conversation about the shades. There is a shade at Heber Park that they are going to take out. Now there are a couple of shades at that park one is for benches on the south west corner of the park and the other shades cover the playground for the kids. So we do not know which shade they are talking about. They are going to remove one of those shades and they said they can place it on our equipment. So we did not get clarification on which shade they are going to take out. We need to find that out and also the conversation went to the grant Assemblyman Garcia provided and you can talk to city manager and maybe there's money in that grant we can apply for other monies in that bill in can apply for in addition to the one they have. Mr. Virgen will look into it.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve Wellness Park agreement amendment with the City of Calexico. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez  
NOES: None

3. Discussion and/or action on Tony Pimentel's contract as District Publicist.

Mr. Rivera reported that we did not know what was wanted in this item but this item cannot be discussed in closed session. You can discuss his performance in closed session but if you want to discuss his performance you can hold this off till after your executive session but if you don't want to discuss his performance and you just want to act on the contract you can act on it now and don't have to go into executive session under this item. But Mr. Rivera's recommendation before the board takes action is that you don't take action on the contract because he needs to discuss some things with Mr. Pimentel. There are some things that he feels that are not to the best interest of the district in the contract. In the past year Mr. Pimentel has been very, very gracious and once we had our discussion he has modified his request and we can bring it back to you next

meeting. That doesn't mean that you stop the payments for him. It just continues because it is going to come back. But we need to change some things in there because it is not in a form he would recommend.

Motion was made by Board Member Martine and second by Board Member Apodaca to follow our legal counsel's advice to table this item until this meeting. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Valdez, Apodaca, Martinez

NOES: Grijalva, Romo

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:**

Imperial Valley Cancer

Governance meeting in Phoenix

Lions Club Proposal (pending)

**CLOSED SESSION:**

The board gave direction to our legal counsel, Mr. Rivera in closed session to continue with the litigation (one case) in a written form.

AYES: Valdez, Apodaca, Grijalva, Martinez

NOES: Romo

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Martinez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Second by Board Member Valdez. All in favor.