

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 12th OF OCTOBER 2022 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 Norma Apodaca and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:

Chairperson	Norma M. Apodaca
Vice Chairperson	Rodolfo Valdez
Secretary	Gloria Grijalva
Chief Financial	Sylvia Bernal
Trustee	Raul R. Urena

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 Valdez second by Board Member Bernal to approve the agenda for October 12, 2022. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Apodaca, Valdez, Grijalva, Bernal, Urena
NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Approve minutes for meetings of September 7, 2022, September 21, 2022 and September 26, 2022.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and seconded by Board Member Urena to approve the minutes for September 7, 2022, September 21, 2022 and September 26, 2022. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Apodaca, Valdez, Grijalva, Bernal, Ureña
NOES: None

- b. Approve Treasurer Report

Motion was made by Board Member Grijalva and seconded by Board Member Urena to approve the treasurer report. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Apodaca, Valdez, Grijalva, Bernal, Ureña

NOES: None

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

Board Member Bernal reported that they were invited to Dr. Vo's first Gala event we were given an award for being heroes to our community. Mrs. Bernal also attended the City Council meeting to report on the 400 Mary Ave. It went well and there were a few questions that were asked and she also told the public that she would like for them to come to the meeting to voice their opinions.

Board Member Valdez informed everyone that this award banquet was really nice.

REPORTS BY ALL HMHD COMMITTEES

None

COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL

Mr. Pimentel reported that he presented a one minute video at the City Council meeting. They also presented the document of the change of orders. He also attended Dr. Vo's Gala. Mr. Pimentel also reported that we are running a commercial on Univision about the district no longer providing masks and etc. Next week the commercial is going to change to show everyone what the district is doing.

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:

Mr. Virgen will save his comments for the items on the agenda.

COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:

Mr. Rivera commented that there has been some type of disconnect with us and the public. The reason he is bringing this up is because he received an email during the week from Julio Morales at the Calexico Chronicle that somehow there was a lack of receive of a request of public information but Julio is very calm, understanding and conscientious reporter and he just reached out again. Mr. Rivera apologized to him and informed him that it was not intentional and he going to get all the information for him which he was very grateful for. Mr. Rivera thinks this is something we have talked about before but we need to somehow crystalize our ability to receive request of public information and hopefully with the permission of Mr. Virgen we can draft up a policy and a form letter and as soon as we receive the public request we will send out the letter that we received it within ten days and after a reasonable time we will provide the information after the 10 days. Usually we don't need that time. All he wanted was a copy of the grant applications. We got everything and mailed it off to him. Hopefully for the next agenda we can add a policy outlining with a more detail plan and request and responses from the district.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Discussion and/or Action: Report on 400 Mary Modernization and review, discussion and approval of change orders.

The board discussed and reviewed the change orders.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal second by Board Member Grijalva to approve the change orders. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Apodaca, Valdez, Grijalva, Bernal, Urena

NOES: None

- b. Report and Discussion on the Association of California Healthcare District annual meeting held on September 14, 2022 through September 16, 2022 in Garden Grove, CA.

Board Member Urena informed everyone that this was the first time going to this event and he learned a lot. We had many training and learned a lot of what we can do and bring to the community.

Board Member Grijalva shared that there were a lot of people presenting sharing their different programs. The one that really got to her was Rich Clooney's, he's an RN story of when a child came into the hospital beat up l real bad and they just dropped him there.

Board Member Valdez reported that on Wednesday they had sexual harassment training and was very informative and we received a certificate that we keep for five years. In sessions what interested him was the District of the Desert Healthcare District, which is similar to us because they have a lot of farm works. There was another session with Sierra Kings Healthcare District that became a grant district and they give grants of \$25 thousand dollars for one time only.

Board Member Bernal shared that the guy from the Desert Healthcare District gave them their card to contact them to help us and go see their district and he would also like to come down and see our district.

- c. Discussion: Invitation to Dr. Raul Ruiz, United States Congressman to attend 400 Mary Avenue, Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District's Urgent Care Clinic event.

Mr. Virgen thinks we should invite all the local offices sooner rather than later. He thinks we need to work with this office and the sooner we can do it the better and he thinks they may come and the thing is that you don't want to sit on this for a month. Maybe it is a good time to settle on when you would like to do this. Also maybe we can get a modified sign that says coming soon and put it out there. Let's start planning on a date.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Policy for request of public information

Facebook comments

Grant writer

Request to be on the Local Healthcare Authority

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Bernal made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41p.m.

Second by Board Member Urena. All in favor.