

THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 23th OF JUNE 2021 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 5:35p.m. by Gloria Grijalva Valdez and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:

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

GUESTS:

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

PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE:

Eduardo Rivera-Attorney

ABSENT:

Hector Martinez-Trustee

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Board Member Apodaca second by Board Member Valdez to approve the agenda for June 23, 2021. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena

NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

Alex Perrone had several comments for the board as followed:

1st comment: Senior program as Mr. Virgen refers to senior programs as an entertainment and he disagrees. His mother used to go there and if you are emotionally fine then you are fine physically and medically. It's something that our seniors need. You talked about the city not budgeting for it and we all pitch in for the Heffernan Board. It's for our city; it's for Calexico and our senior. That is what he would like to see. He is not here to change the board's decision.

2nd comment: You are paying a for profit business to provide lunches and at one time they see to provide lunches for the seniors at the city of Calexico probably for a better price. He thinks that what we need is

better outreach and probably like you said if Mr. Figueroa answers his phone we can sit down and work out a program to help our seniors and also provide meals coming through a grant.

3rd comment: You gave a lot of public funds to private companies. What are your criteria? What is your formula that you use to give funding? Because there were non-profit agencies that asked for money and for-profit companies and the for-profits were the people that got the money and Vo is he a non-profit? He knew how to manure and get his grants. He is a for-profit, he gives away the vaccines.

Mr. Rivera interrupts and informs Mrs. Grijalva that we should listen to the individual and do not discuss the matter because it becomes a un-agenized item on a topic that is not on the agenda.

4th comment: The handling of the pandemic maybe be came a year late there was a lot more that could have been done and he thinks you learn from it because he would have had they testing clinics in every corner of Calexico. He felt that we could have improved on the pandemic.

5th comment: He was always very spectacle on your project. It is a very ambitious project for you guys and very costly and he feels it was lack of due diligence on the purchase of the building because look at all the money you are investing.

6th comment: You have a public relation person and your manager and he thinks you need to be informing the public more and improving that because he does believe that we do get information from the street and it is not good and that is why he came here. No one came with him he is here by himself. He stands by himself. He hears all these things and says to himself that he is going to go and express himself to the board. He is very happy with the board because all you have a very good background and believe strongly that you can do good things but we have to listen more to the people so next time you want to do more projects he is right here and he has little good sense and he is willing to donate his time any way that he can help.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Approve minutes for meetings of May 1, 2021, May 12, 2021 and May 26, 2021.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and seconded by Board Member Apodaca to approve the minutes for May 1, 2021, May 12, 2021 and May 26, 2021. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena

NOES: None

- b. Approve Treasurer Report

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

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena

NOES: None

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

Board Member Apodaca reported that they visited the High School and was given the tour of the new kitchen, gym an all new building.

Board Member Valdez reported that he also attended the High School and that tour was very nice.

REPORTS BY ALL HMHD COMMITTEES

Mr. Virgen reported that the planning committee visited the 400 Mary site and they walked with a local district from El Centro. We did a walk thru and it was nice warm and humid but we were there for about an hour. The demo is almost done agenda committee met and discussed all the items that would be placed on the agenda.

COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL

Mr. Pimentel reported that started in July they are going to start delivering the PPE's to the senior apartments.

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:

Mr. Virgen reported that since the grants proposals were reviewed and granted a couple of projects there have been a lot of community talk and also a lot of rumors flying out there. He just wanted to give some information. Obviously a lot of people that we pick and choose who we do grants with based on who they are but we created policies that we follow as you are all aware because you were all part of it. One of the things is that we are slashing projects with the city and we are not helping the seniors. Of course that is not the case. It was not something that at any point we guaranteed that we were going to give money. Some programs are considered an entertainment even though their health is to get out of the house they are still entertainment and our priority is to focus on health and we did focus on health and nutrition. We also have 2020 resolutions from LAFCO and that resolution clarifies that direct that HMHD not subsidize the City of Calexico in any fashion unless and until approval from LAFCO is first obtained. When we look at these projects and we believe they need to go to LAFCO because we do not know where we stand with them whether to approve them or not and that is something we work with LAFCO. He did provide the copy of the resolution. He knows that Mrs. Grijalva tried to set up a meeting with the City Manager but he has not yet responded.

COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Late request by Calexico Unified School District for rant proposal submittal after submittal deadline.

Mr. Virgen reported that they received a late request from Calexico High School. The request is for the 2021 Summer Pool Recreation Program. This came in way after the grant proposal deadline and it is an entertainment program and it is was submitted way after our deadline and he just wanted the board to know that he is going to notify that we are not going to fund unless the board has something to discuss but if not falls out of our process of our deadline that we had established.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and/or Action: Authorization for Request for Letters of Interest for grant writer for HMHD.

Mr. Virgen reported to the board that this item was placed on the agenda to except the cost of it and find out what these grant writers are out there for and once we find that we can bring that back and once we agree that this a good one we can go up and meet them see what they can do and then we can decide on what kind of grant dollars are out there.

Motion was made by Board Member Urena and second by Board Member Apodaca to authorize Mr. Virgen to start looking grant writers. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena

NOES: None

2. Discussion and/or Action: Awards for scholarship recipients.

The Board presented the scholarship awards to the recipients.

3. Discussion and/or Action: Summer schedule for office hours and for Board meetings.

Mr. Virgen informed to the board that summers hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am-3pm and if it is slow have the flexibility to send the employee home early. The board will be going dark on in August.

Motion was made by Board Member Urena and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the summer schedule Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am-3pm and if it is slow we can send the employee home early. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena

NOES: None

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve going dark the month of August. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Grijalva, Apodaca, Valdez, Urena

NOES: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

Public comment response

ADJOURNMENT:

With no future business to discuss Board Member Valdez made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Second by Board Member Urena. All in favor.