



El Centro del Quinto Sol
Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2022
6:00pm

1. Welcome

In Attendance: Tom Carrigan (Chair), Lindsay Reeves (Vice), Tim Trujillo, Maria Lopez, Jessica Plascencia, Tamara Moore

2. Approval of Minutes

Approved with no corrections

3. Facility and program updates

Jessica recapped the Holiday Give Away event. There were 361 gifts donated, 205 were passed out to children at the event, 77 adults attended the event, and 37 gifts were given to children throughout the week after the event for a total of 242 gifts going to children. The remaining gifts will be used as rewards for kids throughout the year who go above and beyond or show kindness to others. The event went really well and was well received by the community.

December attendance: 696 participants.

Cheryl has returned to El Centro to instruct Zumba classes with great success. Her classes are close to outgrowing the multi-purpose room space. Kerri has also been brought on as a Zumba instructor sub.

Jessica completed interviews and is in the hiring process to grow the staff. She is hoping to create two separate crews in order to have sustainable staffing for the Center when there are COVID exposures/quarantines.

Inquiries were made about cleaning/sanitizing procedures. Jessica explained that everyone is required to wear a mask when in the facility and that staff sanitizes the facility hourly.

No updates on the basketball court. It may be months before the masonry work is completed and basketball hoops are placed. However, the soccer group is coming in on Tuesday and Thursday evenings utilizing the gym space.

Jessica and her staff are looking into several activity opportunities including pickleball, skateboard repair, and shared canvas painting (Paint with Tom).

4. Meeting schedule for 2022

After Tom analyzed the survey results and the board discussed, it was decided to keep the meeting time the same; the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. The meetings will remain in the virtual (Zoom) format until the Mayor lifts that regulation. At that time, the board will discuss if there will be needed changes to the schedule to accommodate in-person meetings.

El Centro del Quinto Sol Advisory Board Focus: Program development and enhancement, Community partnerships, Facility enhancements, and Communication

5. Open house

Lindsay suggested delaying event due to COVID and not knowing the timeline for gym repairs. Also suggested was waiting for better weather to host activities inside and outside the Center to spread out patrons. Lindsay also reminded group that the intention of the Open House event is not only to showcase activities and offerings, but to help with the strategic plan of El Centro and to gain community input.

6. Other

There was discussion on mural paintings for the skatepark retaining walls, as well as the outside of the building under the windows. Staff will look into local artists and the process of approval.

Tom invited all to attend the Eastside Action Support Team meeting on Thursday, January 6 at 5:15pm at the Lucero Library.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 6:00pm