



El Centro del Quinto Sol
Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2022
6:00pm at El Centro del Quinto Sol

1. Welcome

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

Discussion and approval of changing meetings to quarterly. The Board will meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in July, October, January and April moving forward. Monthly updates will be sent via email by staff to Board.

2. Summary of presentation from April 5

Mark Salazar and Bryan Rivera presented to the Board at April's meeting to build and place cement chess/checker tables at El Centro. Joe and Tom noted that it will be a good addition to El Centro and are excited to see it approved and moving forward. Funding will be provided through Council Member Larry Atencio and may cover two to three tables. No location or timeframe is currently set for construction.

3. Facility and program updates

- a. Attendance: 1122 for the month of April, 384 of this were from the Easter event with 244 being children.
- b. Easter Celebration event: The event was well attended and went very well. All of the donated eggs were handed out. The egg hunt will need to be reevaluated for next year because of the high attendance and lack of space.
- c. Gym: The masonry work is finished. The next step is bringing in the structural engineer for the cross beams needed to support the basketball board and hoops. The gym will be open in the meantime for non-basketball activities.
- d. HVAC/Basement remodel - Council approved the AARPA funding of one million dollars to improve the HVAC system and remodel the basement kitchen area.
- e. Summer events and programming: Jessica handed out the new summer schedule. The next event is the Summer Kick-off BBQ on June 3. The staff will take up to 25 kids to swim at Mineral Palace Pool following the event, walking there and back. Donations of hotdogs, buns, chips and drinks will be accepted for this event.

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

4. Schedule change

- a. Friday hours: Friday hours will be 11:30am - 8pm starting May 6. The reason for the change is that there was little to no attendance on Friday mornings.
- b. Sunday: The Center will be closed on Sundays in May.

5. Other

The following field trips were brought up as suggestions to add as programming for the children: Rockies game, State Fair, Rides at City Park. Jessica expressed concern about the supervision challenges of being in such populated public events. Transportation is another challenge. Lindsay suggested partnering with the Boys and Girls Club for transportation.

Lindsay suggested looking into becoming a partner agency with Care and Share to help with food at events and other programs. They offer a discounted rate to partner agencies and have a warehouse in town.

Jessica is currently working with Cooperative Care to provide sack lunches for the months of June, July and August.

Parks and Recreation is partnering and supporting the SoCoYoGo platform. El Centro is a site to scan and earn seeds along with several other locations throughout the City and County. The Parks and Recreation department is also a reward location.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 5, 6:00pm