



El Centro del Quinto Sol
Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2023
5:30pm at El Centro del Quinto Sol

- I. Call to Order: Board Chair Tom Carrigan called the meeting to order at 5:32pm
- II. Roll Call:
Present: Tom Carrigan, Chair
Maria Lopez, Vice
Mindy Armijo, Member
Joe Latino, Member
Jessica Plascencia, Recreation Coordinator - El Centro del Quinto Sol
Tamara Moore, Recreation Supervisor
Absent: Tim Trujillo, Member
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: March 7, 2023 (no quorum for April meeting). Mindy Armijo motioned to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Maria Lopez.
- IV. Announcements:
Chair Announcements: (Tom Carrigan)
 - Gave praise about the new program guides and the schedules for El Centro, and asked that they be present and available for community events.
 - Reported that he has received inquiries from the public for playgrounds and swings that are ADA accessible, and specifically for wheelchair swings. Tamara will follow up to see if there are park locations or plans for park locations with this type of equipment.Center Programs/Events Updates:
 - Jessica reported that the attendance for April was 925.
 - 275 children attended the Easter Event. The event went well and was a success.
 - Upcoming Events:
 - May 19 - 21 at 1-2:30pm, Breakdancing Workshop designed for children, but open to all. Registration is free and open online. Jessica is working with Javier Quinones for the event.
 - May 27 at 10am, Skate Bash for all ages will have a skateboarding and biking competition. Registration is free and open online. There will be vendors and food trucks onsite for the event.
 - June 2 at 12-2pm, Summer Kickoff BBQ. The staff will take a group of children swimming at Mineral Palace from 3:00-5:30pm.

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- Tamara reported that the Food Truck Union is in talks with Parks and Recreation to possibly have various food trucks at parks throughout the summer on Thursdays, 2pm to dusk. El Centro may be one of the parks selected.
- Mindy inquired if a farmers market has ever taken place at El Centro and thought it would be nice to have at least a one-day event, if not a regular market.

II. Old Business:

Rock Garden Sign:

- Tom and Alayna are finishing up the sign this week. It will need some time to cure and set. The plan is to place the sign at El Centro the last week of May. Tom and Jessica will coordinate for the placement.
- It was decided amongst the group that the children who regularly attend the center would paint the letters (embedded rocks) on the sign prior to the unveiling of it at the Summer Kickoff BBQ. Pueblo Rocks will be attending on June 2 to facilitate painting rocks to place in the rock garden.

Kitchen Remodel:

- Tamara reported that the architects are still in the design phase and there are changes happening to the original drawings. The architects have met with class instructors from Cooking Matters and the Pueblo Food Project to discuss kitchen design. Jessica will be meeting with the architects this week to discuss the HVAC component of the project, lending her knowledge of the building with its hot and cold areas.

III. New Business:

Inclusion Program:

- Jessica reported that the program has not been well-attended (5 on week one, 1 on week 2), but it has been well-received. It was suggested to distribute the flyer to the Shandy Clinics in town. Mindy said she will share with some of her colleagues.
- The staff went through training on April 14 and was able to use the information received to feel more comfortable and excited about the program.
- Jessica and Tamara expressed desire to make the program a success and would like to continue it past this first trial period (April 21 - May 26).

Teen Program - Boys & Girls Club

- Tamara reported that the Boys & Girls Club is looking at El Centro as a possible location for their summer teen club. The teen club would be for 9th - 12th graders to have a safe place to gather on Friday and Saturday throughout the summer, 1pm to 11:30pm. Tamara will meet with the Boys & Girls Club on May 8 and asked the Board for any concerns or questions that she can present.
- Joe advised that security be present inside and outside for the program.
- Mindy suggested that maybe an earlier end time like 10pm would be safer. She also inquired about the outside lighting at El Centro and if it was enough for safety.
- Maria inquired about a neighborhood watch and if that would help with the safety of the park at such a late hour. Tom has a contact, Roger S., that he will reach out to about the neighborhood watch.

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IV. Board Comments:

Tom asked if yard signs can be posted at El Centro for the PLACE event. Jessica informed him that signs are not allowed at any park, but that we have flyers in the brochure rack for the event.

Joe shared that he was glad to be back and Spring Training was good. He would like to revisit the idea of taking El Centro kids on a trip to a Rockies game.

V. Adjournment: Joe Latino motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mindy Armijo. Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 6 @ 5:30pm, El Centro del Quinto Sol