



El Centro del Quinto Sol
Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2023
5:30pm at El Centro del Quinto Sol

- I. Call to Order: Board Chair Tom Carrigan called the meeting to order at 5:39pm
- II. Roll Call:
Present: Tom Carrigan, Chair
Mindy Armijo, Member
Joe Latino, Member
Jessica Plascencia, Recreation Coordinator - El Centro del Quinto Sol
Tamara Moore, Recreation Supervisor

Absent: Maria Lopez, Vice
Tim Trujillo, Member
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: June 6, 2023. Mindy Armijo motioned to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Joe Latino.
- IV. Announcements:
Board Member appreciation, terms and vacancy
 - Tamara reported that the terms for Joe and Tim will come to an end on August 31 and thanked them for their service. Joe has offered to continue on the Board. Tim has decided to not continue, which results in a vacancy. Tamara asked the Board Members to put their feelers out and ask anyone interested in serving to apply.Chair Announcements: (Tom Carrigan)
 - Tom shared that it is pride month and will be sharing event flyers via email to the Board and El Centro for posting.Center Programs/Events Updates:
 - Jessica reported that the attendance for June was 812 and for July was 785.
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Zumbathon - August 5 from 10am - 12pm. This event is for collecting school supply donations - free Zumba for those who donate supplies. There will be 7 instructors (2 staff members and 5 volunteers) helping at the event.
 - Back to School Giveaway - August 12 from 12 - 2pm. Collected donations of school supplies will be given to kids present until supplies run out. Jessica is currently collecting donations at several City buildings/sites.

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- Fire Fit Kids - August 8 from 6 - 7pm. Tim will be hosting Fire Fit Kids at El Centro and will be joined by Pueblo Rocks and Epic Books.
- The fall schedule will go into effect August 14 (Monday - Thursday 3 - 8pm, Friday 11:30am - 8pm, Saturday 12 - 6pm). Mindy asked how the hour change affects the staff and asked if she could provide any kind of staff appreciation food/gifts. Jessica let the Board know the hour change works pretty well for most of the staff because they are students as well and that she would let the Board know when the next all El Centro staff meeting is if the Board wants to join and meet the staff.
- Tamara reported that the Inclusion Hour program will resume after Labor Day.

II. Old Business:

Kitchen Remodel:

- Tamara reported that the designs are being worked on and will hopefully start construction in the beginning of 2024.

Teen Program - Boys & Girls Club:

- Jessica reported that the participation/attendance numbers are lower than expected ranging from 3 to 17 participants per day. Jessica and Tamara will be meeting with the Boys & Girls Club staff after the program is complete to discuss the successes/challenges of the program and the future possibilities.

III. New Business:

Rock Snake:

- Tom relayed a request from Char Bradford with Pueblo Rocks to create a rock snake in the El Centro Rock Garden. Joe expressed his queasiness about it being a snake and Tom informed the group it was more of an art form to give shape in the garden and it could also serve an educational purpose. It was discussed and decided that the best time to try and see the interest or create a rock snake would be during an event. Jessica will contact Char to see if Pueblo Rocks is available to attend the Back to School Giveaway event. Tom will contact Char to see if she would consider bringing over some of the painted rocks from the August 20 Pride in the Park event to the El Centro Rock Garden.

IV. Board Comments

- Joe offered to help solicit support and funds to help with transportation if we could set up a Rockies baseball game fieldtrip for the children at El Centro. Jessica is going to check with her contact at City Transportation to see if we can arrange free transportation.

V. Adjournment: Joe Latino motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mindy Armijo. Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

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

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