



El Centro del Quinto Sol
Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2023
5:30pm at El Centro del Quinto Sol

- I. Call to Order: Board Chair Tom Carrigan called the meeting to order at 5:31pm
- II. Roll Call:
Present: Tom Carrigan, Chair
Joe Latino, Member
Janelle Quick, Member
Jessica Plascencia, Recreation Coordinator - El Centro del Quinto Sol
Tamara Moore, Recreation Supervisor

Absent: Mindy Armijo, Member
Maria Lopez, Vice
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: August 1, 2023. Joe Latino motioned to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Janelle Quick.
- IV. Announcements:
Welcome
 - Tom welcomed Janelle Quick to the El Centro Del Quinto Sol Board.
 - Janelle introduced herself and shared that she is a Pueblo native, the Executive Director of the Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation and is excited to be involved with El Centro and for the opportunities to collaborate.
 - Tamara presented Janelle and Joe with their certificates of appointment.Chair Announcements: (Tom Carrigan)
 - Tom shared that he is heading up a group for the Fountain Creek Week Clean-Up to represent El Centro del Quinto Sol and show the importance of taking care of our space. Volunteers can meet at Nick's Dairy Crème on Thursday, October 5 at 12pm. The group will be cleaning up the area from the 8th street bridge to Plaza Verde Park which includes the area in front of El Centro.
 - Janelle shared a couple of flyers with the group for upcoming youth opportunities, specifically for high school students and first-generation youth looking into college.Center Programs/Events Updates:
 - Jessica reported that the attendance for September was 481.
 - Upcoming Events:

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- Inclusion Hour will begin on October 6, 2023. The program will run from 11:30am to 1:30pm every Friday.
- Trunk or Treat Event will take place on Saturday, October 28 from 4:00 to 7:00pm. It is an outdoor event where El Centro staff and volunteers will provide activities and games. Hated by Many Car Club will sponsor the trunk or treat portion of the event in the plaza area on the west end of the park. We are still collecting candy donations and appreciate any help in soliciting donations.
- Jessica is planning on having a staff meeting on Friday, October 13 at 6:00pm and proposed that the first 30 minutes could be set aside for a meet and greet with the Board members. Jessica will follow up with an email for confirmation.
- Jessica reported that El Centro will be closed on Halloween, October 31, 2023.

II. Old Business:

Teen Program Evaluation - Boys & Girls Club:

- Tamara passed out the notes from the wrap-up meeting with the Boys & Girls Club and stated that the program was not as well attended as hoped. Once transportation was provided by the Boys and Girls club, it seemed to help the numbers. (Wrap-up meeting notes attached)

Basketball Hoop Installation:

- Tamara reported that the hoops have been ordered and should take 5 to 7 weeks for them to come in. Installation to follow. The hoops will have a manual height adjustment to allow the baskets to be lowered to 8 feet for the younger players.

Construction Update - Asbestos Abatement:

- Tamara passed out the construction timeline noting that we are in the process of obtaining a contractor for the asbestos abatement. Once a contractor is selected, we will know more about the possibility of closure during the abatement process. The group discussed options for still being able to hold events and programs if a closure is needed.

III. New Business: No New Business

IV. Board Comments

- Tom shared that he will be hosting a town hall meeting at the VFW Post on Thursday, October 12 at 6:30pm with the Police to discuss crime prevention on the East Side.
- Tom requested to move the next Board Meeting because it falls on Election Day. The group decided to push it back a week to Tuesday, November 14 at 5:30pm at El Centro del Quinto Sol.

V. Adjournment: Janelle Quick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joe Latino. Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 14 @ 5:30pm, El Centro del Quinto Sol

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