



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

- I. Call to Order: Board Vice Chair Maria Lopez called the meeting to order at 5:39pm

- II. Roll Call:
Present: Mindy Armijo, Member
Joe Latino, Member
Maria Lopez, Vice
Janelle Quick, Member
Tamara Moore, Recreation Supervisor

Absent: Tom Carrigan, Chair
Jessica Plascencia, Recreation Coordinator - El Centro del Quinto Sol

- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: November 14, 2023. Janelle Quick motioned to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Joe Latino.

- IV. Announcements:
Chair Announcements: (Maria Lopez)
 - Maria inquired about the Program Coordinator - El Centro del Quinto Sol Position. Tamara shared that the Board approved the 2024 budget and the position should open on December 12.Center Programs/Events Updates:
 - Tamara reported that the Friendsgiving dinner was a success with approximately 50 people in attendance. The schedule is back to normal hours after the Thanksgiving break schedule and closures. Attendance for November was 703.
 - The Zumbathon was held this past Saturday, December 2, and was a success with 38 people in attendance and many donated gifts received.
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Tonight, December 5 El Centro will host Alfredo Lozano from the National Hispanic Institute. He will be presenting on opportunities for high school students to help develop their communication and leadership skills.
 - The Holiday Celebration event will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 12pm to 2pm. El Centro will only be open for the event on Saturday and will close once it concludes.
 - Extended hours for Winter Break: weekdays, December 26 through January 5 will be open 11:30am to 8pm. El Centro will be closed on December 25 and January 1.

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I. Old Business:

Basketball Hoop Installation:

- Tamara reported that the hoops were delayed in transit and we are waiting on confirmation of delivery. Installation is anticipated to begin next week, December 11 - 15.

Construction Update:

- Tamara shared the color and material samples, as well as the rendering for the kitchen provided by EV Studios. Once the materials are confirmed the project should go out for bid.
- Janelle suggested contacting Foam Core, a new local business who does commercial seating, to see if they can support the project and start to build a beneficial relationship.

II. New Business:

Teaching Kitchen Connections:

- The Board discussed many local companies, businesses and professionals in the food industry; Grady's Commercial Kitchen, Nathan with Fuel & Iron, Mary and Richard with Bingo Burger and Diavolo, Mike with Solar Roast, Cooking Matters, Richard with Angelo's, Brad and Toni with 21 Steak, Pueblo Food Project, the Passalacqua's with Cakes by Aileen, Little Bite of Heaven, and East High School, CSU Extension, and Jerry with CSU-P Aladdin Catering.
- Janelle suggested composing a general interest letter to include an overview of the project, our goals, and our asks, to distribute to the local businesses and connections. This will allow us to spread the word and gauge the interest for involvement.

Teaching Kitchen Program Ideas:

- The Board provided the following ideas for future programs; food preparation, cost and effectiveness classes (how to stretch dollars and still eat healthy), educational classes about health and nutrition, crockpot meals, cake decorating.

III. Board Comments

- Janelle shared a flyer about a scholarship night for students and families looking to attend college.
- Joe wished all a safe and blessed holiday season, which was reciprocated by the rest of the Board.
- Joe stated that his intentions are to stay on the El Centro Board if he can manage the time commitment with his City Council appointment. His heart is with the kids and El Centro and wants to continue serving.
- The Board agreed to push back next month's meeting a week to Tuesday, January 9.

IV. Adjournment: Janelle Quick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mindy Armijo. Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 9 @ 5:30pm, El Centro del Quinto Sol

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