



El Centro del Quinto Sol
Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2024
5:30pm at El Centro del Quinto Sol

I. Call to Order: Board Chair Tom Carrigan called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

II. Roll Call:

Present: Mindy Armijo, Member
Tom Carrigan, Chair
Joe Latino, Member
Maria Lopez, Vice
Janelle Quick, Member
Jessica Plascencia, Recreation Coordinator - El Centro del Quinto Sol
Tamara Moore, Recreation Supervisor
Ricardo Allen, guest

Absent: N/A

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2024. Janelle Quick motioned to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Mindy Armijo.

IV. Announcements:

Chair Announcements: (Tom Carrigan) None

Center Programs/Events Updates:

- Jessica reported the attendance for January was 880. The Center will have a modified schedule during spring break and will be open 11:30am to 8pm, Monday through Friday, March 25 - 29.
- Upcoming Events:
 - The Easter event will take place on Saturday, March 30. Posters and flyers were made available for members to take and share.

V. Old Business:

Construction Update:

- Tamara shared that the project going out to bid has been pushed back a bit due to the necessity of meeting the requirements for exits from the basement. With the remodel, it is required to have two exits from the area that meet current code requirements and the engineers and architects are working on a second exit plan.

Community Survey:

- Tamara shared that Director, Steven Meier, is in support of conducting a community survey. Tamara still needs to determine established survey methods within the City and

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the cost that may be incurred with a survey. She also asked the Board members to come back with questions that we want to have on the survey.

VI. New Business: None

VII. Board Comments:

- Joe expressed his gratitude of the Board and staff, and was candid about his uncertain future on the Board due to his City Council commitments and time constraints. The Board and staff members commented their support and understanding if he needs to step away in the future.
- Tom inquired about the interest to support a local food insecurities business for the LGBTQ+ community and what that might look like. There was discussion of being able to post information on the boards at El Centro and El Centro/Parks and Recreation Marketing attending events with interactive activities.
- Joe asked Tamara if there is a strategic plan in place for El Centro. Tamara stated there are some facility projects to include the parking and outside lighting 1A project in the queue and that she is hoping to involve the TBD full time coordinator in a program plan when they are hired.
- Maria mentioned she is working with Jessica on a knitting class proposal.
- Maria also brought up that Eric Sarracino is working on the Mitchell Park mural and will be trying to help him with the project. Jessica informed the Board that she met with Eric and is looking into doing a couple of workshops at the El Centro with him in preparation for the Mitchell Park mural.

VIII. Adjournment: Janelle Quick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joe Latino. Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

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