



El Centro del Quinto Sol
Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2024
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: Mindy Armijo, Member
Tom Carrigan, Chair
Joe Latino, Member
Janelle Quick, Member
Alyssa Vargas-Lopez
Veronica Collins, Program Coordinator

Absent: Tamara Moore, Recreation Supervisor
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: June 4, 2024. Janelle Quick motioned to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Mindy Armijo.
- IV. Announcements: The board welcomed new Board member Alyssa Vargas-Lopez.
Chair Announcements: None
Center Programs/Events Updates:
 - Veronica reported the June attendance at 743.
 - Veronica said she hopes to begin offering registration style programs to the community versus an open-door policy where participants drop in for programs. Those programs include mental health awareness, senior classes, sport opportunities, and more.
- V. Old Business:
Board Terms:
 - Veronica shared that the current terms of Alyssa, Mindy and Tom will expire on August 31, 2024 and they will need to reapply by July 15, 2024 if they wish to serve a second term. Tom and Alyssa have already re-applied and Mindy is considering if she will re-apply.Construction Update:
 - Veronica updated that K&R Construction had been in the center on Monday and the project was slated to begin July 8, but that date has been changed. At this time, no new date has been set from K&R Construction. We are also still unaware of the impact the project will have on program operations for the center.Partnership with Library:
 - Veronica stated that the Lucero Library would begin moving in furniture and equipment the week of July 1.

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- Joe asked what the security situation would be when the library was operating out of the center. He is concerned about the homeless population using the facility and “camping” in the facility and the kids being safe.
- Veronica explained that the library would be bringing their security guard along to El Centro and the library operations would be in conjunction with the center hours. The security guard would be available to the staff and participants of the center as well.
- Alyssa also mentioned that Barkman Library would be re-opened and many would likely use that location as well.

Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment and Cleanup (MAC) Grant:

- The Board revisited that Tamara shared last meeting that the City received a \$1million Brownfields MAC grant for three sites including El Centro for asbestos abatement.

Rental Rates:

- Veronica shared that rental rates are still being reviewed by Steven and Mike.

VI. New Business:

- In discussion on program offerings at El Centro, Tom suggested Food Truck Fridays, East Side Pride, and better utilizing the outdoor space at El Centro.
- Mindy suggested a senior walking group in the area.
- Joe mentioned crime getting worse, not better and that as we consider using the outdoors we need to be aware. He asked about Park Rangers and Police presence around the area.
- Janelle mentioned September 11 is a senior citizens event at the zoo, Senior Safari. We should set up a table and market El Centro senior programs to those in attendance. She also suggested to make a membership pass for those seniors to use to participate free of charge at El Centro.

VII. Board Comments:

- Joe expressed concerns about the security and safety of the kids and spoke of a recent shooting. Wants to make sure kids at the center are safe with the library moving into the location.
- Tom spoke about Mineral Palace Farmers Market July 5 through October. Suggested Park & Rec/El Centro have a table there.
Janelle expressed concern of lack of engagement of Park & Rec tables. Wanted to see more interaction for the kids. She suggested we could use El Centro Staff to man the tables and engage more people.
- Janelle may be gone for the August meeting, she will let us know as it gets closer.
- Tom has vacation September 11 in Washington, He will be at August meeting.
- Mindy has a September vacation as well, if she re-applies for the board she will miss that meeting.

VIII. Adjournment: Janelle Quick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mindy Armijo. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 @ 5:30pm, El Centro del Quinto Sol

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