



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

- I. Call to Order: Board Chair Tom Carrigan called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

- II. Roll Call:
Present: Tom Carrigan, Chair
Joe Latino, Member
Alyssa Vargas-Lopez
Veronica Collins, Program Coordinator
Tamara Moore, Recreation Supervisor

Absent: Mindy Armijo, Member
Janelle Quick, Member

- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: July 2, 2024. Alyssa Vargas-Lopez motioned to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Joe Latino.

- IV. Announcements:
Chair Announcements: Tom shared he may have a guest speaker next month to discuss partnering with the Lucero Library and Guererro family for the Christmas celebration. Tamara shared that her and Veronica have been in discussions with the Lucero Library staff about collaboration for the Holiday giveaway in order to incorporate both entities' celebrations.
Parks and Recreation Announcements:
 - Tamara thanked Mindy for serving on the El Centro Board.
 - Tamara shared that the Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator position for Marketing will post soon and asked the members to encourage anyone interested to apply.
 - Board discussed that Mayor appointed Shawn Vecellio to serve on the Board, as well as Tom and Alyssa for an additional term. It will go to Council on September 12.
 - Tamara shared that the Rides at City Park is in the running for Best of Pueblo in the family amusement and tourist/seasonal attraction categories.Center Programs/Events Updates:
 - Veronica reported the July attendance at 752.
 - Veronica shared the Back-to-School Giveaway event had 208 children and 81 adults in attendance. All supplies were handed out and thankfully MXV Rail came in with a last-minute donation of 190 notebooks to help bolster the amount of supplies.
 - October 26 is the date for the Halloween Trunk or Treat event. Veronica is coordinating with the car club that annually sponsors the event.

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- Veronica shared that she met with Haley and Kyle from the City’s Public Information department about creating a marketing campaign when the library comes in.
- Tom asked if El Centro’s art could be tied into the Mayor’s Van Gogh tour.
- Veronica shared that she is working with the SRDA for El Centro to be a congregate meal site. Meals are available for anyone 60 years and over, transportation is available through SRDA. Safety concerns were discussed with the SRDA and will be addressed. Veronica is planning on an activity/program at 10am prior to the mealtime at 11am - 12:30pm on Tuesdays. Veronica is working with the SRDA on a marketing plan for the activity/program and meal.

V. Old Business:

Construction Update:

- Tamara shared that the basement is in undergoing demolition and asbestos abatement is scheduled for next week.

Partnership with Library:

- Tamara shared that the MOU goes to Council this month and the Library is hoping to open to the public on Tuesday, September 3.
- Discussion followed about an Open House in September. Tom suggested murals and other art pieces be hung in the hallway to the library room.

Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment and Cleanup (MAC) Grant: no update

Rental Rates:

- Tamara stated that the previously presented rates will be put in effect October 1.

VI. New Business: none

VII. Board Comments:

- Joe expressed concerns about safety in the area and emphasized that all need to be aware and vigilant. Alyssa suggested safety classes as a possible solution.

VIII. Adjournment: Alyssa Vargas-Lopez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joe Latino. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 @ 5:30pm, El Centro del Quinto Sol