



El Centro del Quinto Sol
Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2024
5:30pm at El Centro del Quinto Sol

- I. Call to Order: Board Chair Tom Carrigan called the meeting to order at 5:36pm
- II. Roll Call:
- III. Present:

Tom Carrigan, Chair
Joe Latino, Member
Alyssa Vargas-Lopez, Member
Janell Quick, Member
Shawn Vecellio, Member
Veronica Collins, Program Coordinator

Absent: Tamara Moore, Recreation Supervisor

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: August 6, 2024. Alyssa Vargas-Lopez motioned to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Joe Latino
- V. Announcements: Introductions of the full board as we gained Shawn Vecellio, Tom Carrigan and Alyssa Vargas-Lopez to their new term. Each member did an introduction of themselves and a small background of their roles within the community.

Chair Announcements- none

Parks and Recreation Announcements-

- Veronica spoke about the open marketing position, its closing and the start of interviews, a timeline wasn't mentioned.
- PAA event and the Senior event was discussed, Tamara and Veronica will be attending those together.

Center Program/Event Updates

- Veronica reported Attendance at El Centro for August was 852.

Veronica also talked about SRDA partnership for the senior activities in October for a trial period. Saturday Yoga classes starting in September-December for a 4 class trial.

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- Trunk or treat event Oct. 26, partnership with Lucero Library was discussed, Hated by many car club, Garcia Family will be involved again this year.

Old Business:

Construction Update

- Veronica shared that the construction is moving along, there are no closures to report regarding abatement, there may be a closure when they move the HVAC system to the roof. Veronica explained there will be machines and equipment that may be unsafe to have operating while center is open, we don't know a date for that yet.

Partnership with Library

- Veronica said the library opened at El Centro on September 3rd. Their security guard is Rocky, he oversees the library safety but also walks the perimeter of El Centro daily.
- It was explained that Lucero will run Chess club and activities out of the multipurpose room M-F afternoons.

Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) Grant

- Veronica reported no additional updates on these topics.

VI. New Business

- Creek Walk training meeting will be held at El Centro in the Learning Center Sept 23 5:30-7:30pm
- CPR class for El Centro staff Sept 28 8-12pm (prior to programming)
- Tom asked about the Holiday event and if we were aware of the Guerrero family and what they provide. Veronica answered, we are partnering with Lucero and the family for one large event in partnership with EL Centro and Lucero.

VII. Board Comments

- Joe spoke about the Fountain Creek event to move the homeless camps this week.
- Shawn was asked to share about his business and what they do for events. He spoke about a global training coming in November 2025. He had 9 interns this summer and it offered them new experiences outside of their homes in Texas. He also spoke about his passion to be involved in the community, his work with the Pueblo bulls hockey club and how he can make a difference and be involved at El Centro.

VIII. Adjournment: Janell Quick motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Shawn Vecellio at 6:23pm

Next meeting: October 1, 2024 @ 5:30pm, El Centro del Quinto Sol

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