



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

- I. Call to Order: Board Chair Tom Carrigan called the meeting to order at 5:32pm
- II. Roll Call:
Present: Tom Carrigan, Chair
Alyssa Vargas-Lopez, Member
Janelle Quick, Member
Shawn Vecellio, Member
Veronica Collins, Program Coordinator
Tamara Moore, Recreation Supervisor
Absent: Joe Latino, Member
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: October 1, 2024. Alyssa Vargas-Lopez motioned to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Janelle Quick
- IV. Announcements:
Chair Announcements
 - Tom requested an update on how things are going with the Library. Veronica stated the partnership is going well between the entities, staff work well together, and the library bring a new clientele into the center.Parks and Recreation Announcements -
 - Tamara shared the current budget with board members. Discussion followed about remaining funds being spent prior to the end of the year and what to prioritize for next year.Center Program/Event Updates
 - Veronica reported the attendance at El Centro for November was 923, with 25 attending the Free Family Movie Night. The Boys and Girls Club brought a group during Thanksgiving break.
 - Veronica shared she is having staff shadow her during Fitness Games to help guide them how to interact and work with groups while facilitating activities.
 - Veronica also shared that Eastside Daycare brings a group regularly to participate in El Centro activities. She is also making connections with online schools and scout troops. Tom suggested we try to connect with local schools and Janelle suggested handing out flyers as groups come in/out of facility.
 - Veronica stated the Zumba Toy Drive is taking place this week and next, the Zumbathon will take place Saturday, December 7 from 11am to 1pm, and the Holiday Celebration will take place on Saturday, December 14 from 12pm to 2pm in collaboration with the ***El Centro del Quinto Sol Advisory Board Focus: Program development and enhancement, Community partnerships, Facility enhancements, and Communication***

Lucero Library and Guerrero Family. Veronica expressed concerns about how overwhelming the gift setup of the event is and hopes to be able to simplify it next year. Janelle suggested to do a rsvp system, possibly splitting up age groups into different times and coordinating age-specific activities per time.

- Tamara reminded members of extended holiday hours during break; Monday - Friday 12pm to 8pm, with El Centro being closed on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

V. Old Business:

Construction Update

- Tamara shared that the construction is projected to be completed by the end of the year. There is a possibility of adding on the removal of the north porch wall and replacing the south staircase outside the gym if funds allow.

Partnership with Library - no updates

Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) Grant – no updates

VI. New Business

Political Meetings

- Because of the concerns expressed by the community during the election season Tamara asked the board to discuss if El Centro should allow political candidates to hold meetings at El Centro. Currently there is nothing in policy. After discussion, the board agreed that El Centro is not the appropriate location to host any political forums or candidates. Tamara will add this language into the rental form for El Centro.

VII. Board Comments

- Alyssa asked about how Fitness Games is going. Veronica responded it is going well, she added a “bring a friend” for the last week to entice more registrants for the next session that will take place after the new year.
- Shawn asked about basketball programming. Veronica shared she is connecting with Coach Trey to potentially offer a skills clinic soon.
- Alyssa shared that she will be participating in the Leadership Pueblo. Her group is looking for a volunteer opportunity and is taking suggestions - bring ideas to next month’s meeting.
- Tom shared that the VFW had a good turnout at the Thanksgiving meal giveaway and will be giving away baskets for Christmas if anyone knows a veteran in need during the holidays please direct them there.
- Tom also shared Bells of Christmas will be taking place at the State Fair Grounds on December 7 and 8. It is a good opportunity to support local vendors and artisans.

VIII. Adjournment: Janelle Quick motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Alyssa Vargas-Lopez at 7:04pm

Next meeting: January 7, 2025 @ 5:30pm, El Centro del Quinto Sol

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