



El Centro del Quinto Sol
Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2025
5:30pm at El Centro del Quinto Sol

- I. Call to Order: Board Chair Tom Carrigan called the meeting to order at 5:42pm
- II. Roll Call:
Present: Tom Carrigan, Chair
Alyssa Vargas-Lopez, Member
Joe Latino, Member
Janelle Quick, Member
Shawn Vecellio, Member
Veronica Collins, Program Coordinator
Tamara Moore, Recreation Supervisor
Absent: N/A
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2024. Alyssa Vargas-Lopez motioned to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Shawn Vecellio.
- IV. Announcements:
Chair Announcements
 - Tom asked if there were any special activities for Valentine’s Day. Veronica stated no activities specific to Valentine’s Day are planned. Tamara shared that Zumba is doing an incentive program for the month of February to encourage participants to bring a friend to class.Parks and Recreation Announcements -
 - Tamara shared that the seasonal part time summer positions are being posted and that Parks and Recreation will have their annual job fair on Friday, March 21 from 9am to 1pm in City Park.Center Program/Event Updates
 - Veronica reported the attendance at El Centro for January was 879. Total attendance for 2024 was 11,000.
 - The Easter event is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. The kitchen grand opening event is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 and the summer kickoff event is scheduled for June 7.
 - Veronica shared that Fitness Games is going well and she is looking at changing the emphasis/topic of the next offering to reach a different crowd, perhaps an art focused class. Janelle mentioned PHE may be willing to host next class.
 - Veronica also shared that the senior movement class on Wednesdays is better attended with the day switch, Basketball Skills with Coach Trey is well attended on Fridays and Volleyball on Saturdays has 24 registered.

El Centro del Quinto Sol Advisory Board Focus: Program development and enhancement, Community partnerships, Facility enhancements, and Communication

V. Old Business:

Construction Update

- Tamara shared the construction company is waiting on the DuctSox to be delivered to finish the construction. There was minimal progress during January.

VI. New Business

Goals

- Veronica shared her three goals with the board and discussion followed to focus on the following; safety at the center, staff training opportunities, and growth in programs and opportunities. Training resources mentioned included Common Sense Parenting (Janelle), MIKID, and Mark Salazar.
- Shawn suggested focusing on the new teaching kitchen in 2025 and the Board discussed establishing community connections (EHS, PCC, grocery stores, food banks, restaurants, food trucks, etc.) to stretch and grow resources.
- Tom suggested El Centro host a volunteer resource fair, which led to discussion on adult topic classes that could be offered like gambling addiction or alcohol addiction.

VII. Board Comments

- Joe shared that a new grocery store will be coming to the eastside at the old Spann School site. Joe also shared about the focus of his City Council work with drug and homeless cleanups, bans for loitering and Catholic Charities paying people to pick up trash.
- Alyssa asked for information about scholarship opportunities to be sent via email to her.
- Tamara asked Board if they thought the center should close or be open for Juneteenth. After discussion it was agreed upon that El Centro will be open as scheduled on Juneteenth.

VIII. Adjournment: Janelle Quick motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Alyssa Vargas-Lopez at 6:36pm

Next meeting: March 4, 2025 @ 5:30pm, El Centro del Quinto Sol