



El Centro del Quinto Sol
Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2025
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
Alyssa Vargas-Lopez, Member
Janelle Quick, Member
Shawn Vecellio, Member
Veronica Collins, Program Coordinator
Tamara Moore, Recreation Supervisor
Absent: Joe Latino, Member N/A
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: February 4, 2025. Janelle Quick motioned to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Alyssa Vargas-Lopez.
- IV. Announcements:
Chair Announcements
 - Tom confirmed everyone was aware of RMSER and their plans for the old Spann Elementary building for an eastside grocery store and community hub.Parks and Recreation Announcements -
 - Tamara shared the budget as of 3/10/2025.
 - Parks and Recreation is in the process of hiring a part-time marketing coordinator that will help cover all of the parks and recreation divisions to include El Centro. Janelle suggested contacting CSU-Pueblo for interns or Americorp for additional help with the marketing.Center Program/Event Updates
 - Veronica reported the attendance at El Centro for February was 985, with Zumba growing to an average class of 10-12. March attendance was 1607, which included the Boys and Girls Club STEM camp during spring break. The camp brought in 197 kids throughout the week into El Centro.
 - Veronica shared that she moved Trey to paid staff from his volunteer status because Basketball Skills on Friday has been successful with around 20 participants weekly.
 - The Easter event is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. We are accepting plastic egg and candy donations.
 - El Centro will be participating in the Library's Fiesta Friday, Cinco de Mayo event, on Friday, May 2 at El Centro.

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

- The summer kickoff event is scheduled for Friday, June 6 from 12 to 2pm.

V. Old Business:

Construction Update

- Tamara shared the construction is lagging and we are unsure of completion date. Because of this, the grand opening is postponed until we have a better understanding when the project will be completed. Janelle asked about the agreement with the construction company to see if there is a deadline and accompanying clause for contingency. Tamara did not know and will check with Steven or Public Works.
- Board asked to be informed when the kitchen was complete to come and help setup the area with equipment, tables and chairs.

VI. New Business: None

VII. Board Comments

- Janelle wants to connect Cheryl Anderson with Veronica for hydroponic opportunities.
- Veronica brought up that El Centro may be 50 years old and that we need to research to determine exact dates.
- Veronica also shared that a PRC group visited during spring break, and she is working with them to schedule a regular reoccurring time for the group to visit.
- Veronica stated she is working with local community experts to come in and help train staff on safety and engagement strategies.
- Tom shared about the Art and Music Wonderland at RMSER on Saturday, the Creative Consortium is working with the school districts to display student art at galleries throughout the city, and the VFW is hosting a women veteran's event this month.
- Alyssa shared that the D60 Art Show will be at the library the end of April through May.

VIII. Adjournment: Shawn Vecellio motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Alyssa Vargas-Lopez at 6:27pm

Next meeting: May 6, 2025 @ 5:30pm, El Centro del Quinto Sol