



El Centro del Quinto Sol
Advisory Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022
6:00pm

1. Welcome

In Attendance: Tom Carrigan (Chair), Lindsay Reeves (Vice), Tim Trujillo, Maria Lopez, Jessica Plascencia, Tamara Moore, Yamely Ortiz-Castillo

2. Approval of Minutes

Approved with no corrections.

3. Facility and program updates

January Attendance: 572

A pickleball open gym time will be added on Fridays from 10am - 12pm beginning in March. El Centro will be receiving a donation of one pickleball net, four paddles and a few balls. The gentlemen donating the equipment may also volunteer to teach/help others learn the game. Tom suggested connecting with the local pickleball association and volunteered to help teach others as well. Tamara mentioned that we have access to USA Pickleball resources through the National Recreation and Park Association.

The El Centro staff will be taking a CPR and first aid certification training class on February 11.

Jessica is working with a yoga instructor on a facility rental to offer community yoga classes. The class would take place at El Centro. The registration and marketing would be handled by the yoga instructor, as it is an outside program renting space.

Jessica is in the planning stages for the Easter event. The event will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 2 - 4pm. Plastic egg and items to fill the egg donations are being accepted. Tim offered to supply all of the plastic eggs needed. Candy must be individually wrapped. Small toys that fit in the eggs are also acceptable.

4. Murals

Update from last meeting's discussion - the Parks and Recreation department is not interested in moving forward with permanent murals on the outside of the building or at the skate park. Ideas are welcome for temporary art. Inside temporary murals are something that Jessica is looking at incorporating in the upcoming youth art classes.

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

5. Volunteer Process

Jessica will send out a volunteer application to all board members interested in volunteering at the center. A background check is part of the annual application process.

6. Hours of Operation

Discussion about the center being open seven days a week and if that schedule should continue year-round. Concerns are staff burnout, budget, being open for community when needed, and if there are kids in crisis that use the center as a safe place on Sundays. Weekend attendance is lower than during the week, however there is not significant or consistent difference between Saturday and Sunday numbers. Many attending on the weekend are utilizing the facility for restrooms and the water fountain.

Suggestions and ideas included conducting a survey, having a suggestion box at the front desk, and changing to Monday through Saturday during the summer. Adding a water fountain/water bottle fill station to the outdoor restrooms, as well as changing the layout of the structure to remove the blind spot was suggested to provide the needed facilities during the warmer months when the facility is not open. Further analysis of the attendance patterns will be done over the next few months to determine schedule moving forward.

7. Other

Jessica and Tamara met with Lindy Webb from Cooking Matters a couple of weeks ago and have started planning for a class after the Easter event. Lindy is going to be have a Cooking Matters table at the Easter event.

Tom invited everyone to attend the Eastside Action Support Team meeting on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 5:15pm. The meeting will be held at the Lucero Library, food distribution will be the main topic.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 1, 6:00pm