



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Center Hall – Meeting Room No. 1
Wednesday, September 4, 2019**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Executive Secretary Adam Matsumoto called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – KEN ARNOLD
3. ROLL CALL – ADAM MATSUMOTO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Members Present: Frank Aguayo Sr., Mary Anderson, Ralph Aranda, Ken Arnold, David Diaz-Infante, Michael Givens (arrived after start of meeting), Kurt Hamra Jr., William Logan, Sylvia Perez, Dolores Romero, Mark Scoggins

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Tim Arnold, Lisa Garcia, Andrea Lopez, Priscilla Rodriguez, Adrian Romero

Council Liaison: John M. Mora, Councilmember

Staff: Adam Matsumoto, Parks and Recreation Services Manager/
Executive Secretary
Wayne Bergeron, Community Services Supervisor
Michelle Smith, Community Services Supervisor (Absent)

Guests: None

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ADAM MATSUMOTO
Nothing to Report
5. APPROVAL OF May 1, 2019 MINUTES – ANDREA LOPEZ
A motion was made by Ralph Aranda and seconded by Kurt Hamra, to approve the Minutes of June 5, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – JOHN MORA
Councilmember Mora reported on the following items:
 - Councilmember Mora shared with the Committee Members that the Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling located at 4320 San Gabriel River Parkway in Pico River recently had its grand opening celebration. The Center not only cleans water but is an educational center which has a hands on learning experience for students.

- Councilmember Mora updated the Committee on the Florence Avenue Bridge Project. The completion date has been moved from December 2019 to February 2020 due to the rainy season of 2019.
- The last Public Safety Center Block Party of the summer will be held at Los Nietos Park on Saturday, September 14th. There will games and food available.

7. *OFFICER ELECTIONS – ADAM MATUSMOTO

Mr. Matsumoto gave a brief description of the eligibility requirements and the voting process and guidelines stated by the Brown Act for Committee Elections.

- a. Nomination and Election of Chairperson for 2019-2020 - Tabled
- b. Nomination and Election of Vice-Chairperson for 2019-2020 - Tabled
- c. Chairperson Appointment of Christmas Float Subcommittee Chair for 2019-2020 - Tabled

A motion was made by Mary Anderson, and seconded by William Logan to table the nominations and elections until the October meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – ADAM MATSUMOTO

- a. **PRAC Potluck Recap** – The PRAC Potluck was held on August 7th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It was well attended and participants had a good time.
- b. **Fiestas Patrias, September 13th at Town Center Plaza** – Fiesta Patrias will be held on Friday, September 13th in the Town Center Plaza from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Live Entertainment will include Carolina Russek - Folklorico dancing, Mariachi Monumental De America, Kimberly Garcia, and headlining the show will be Mariachi Los Camperos. This year the Kid Zone has been expanded to include not only the rock wall but an inflatable obstacle course and face painting. There will be local community groups, food vendors, and the Santa Fe Springs Firefighters Association Beer Garden.

9. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Matsumoto reported on the following:

a. Youth Sports Update

- This year's Summer Soccer Program had over 350 participants and 4 divisions which practiced two times a week throughout the summer with games on Saturdays. The enrollment fee included uniforms, pictures, and team photos.
- The Middle School Summer Basketball had 40 participants which is the maximum capacity for the program.

b. Adult Sports

- The Adult Softball League is transitioning from summer to fall. In the summer there were 36 teams competing in four leagues.
- Adult Basketball is finishing up its season with 10 teams.
- All sports information can be found online at www.santafesprings.org/sports.

c. Summer Aquatics

The Aquatic Center ran a very successful Summer Program. There was a full schedule from June through mid-August with a streamlined version beginning once school started

through the end of September. Private swim lessons were filled to 100% capacity while general swim lessons held at 97%. The Junior Lifeguard Program had 11 participants throughout the summer while the competitive swim team had 44 members. The pool was rented out 21 times with revenue just under \$10,000.

Community Services Supervisor Wayne Bergeron reported on the following:

d. *The Club (Middle School and High School Programming)*

- There was an expected drop in attendance from May to June of 58% due to school being out for the summer months. There was also a decline of 36% from June to July. Attendance is expected to increase now that school is back in session.
- On July 12th, Club staff and eleven Club members attended Summer Skate at Fountain Valley Skate. The event was subsidized entirely by the City. This included a pizza dinner and roller skating. Club staff is invested in increasing attendance for the next event.
- In August The Club hosted Water Wars at Lakeview Park. This event had ten participants engaging in a variety of water games and battles. Staff will work with Summer Camp staff to host event together in the future.

e. *Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Excursions*

- Day Trip to Solvang – June 22nd. Forty-seven participants registered for this sold out excursion and enjoyed a beautiful day in the small town of Solvang along with a trip to the Ostrich Farm where they were able to feed and interact with emus and ostriches.
- Phantom of the Opera – July 21st. On July 21st the City will made a special trip to the Segerstom Center of the Arts to watch Phantom of the Opera. This excursion was sold out with 32 participants.
- Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego Padres – August 3rd. On August 3rd the Dodgers played San Diego Padres with 40 Santa Fe Springs' residents cheering them on from seats in the 'All You Can Eat' right field pavilion. This excursion was sold out.
- The Los Angeles County Fair – September 21st. On September 21st participants will visit the Los Angeles County Fair for a fee of \$12 per person, children five and under are free. Fare to the Fair includes transportation and entrance.

10. OLD BUSINESS – MICHAEL GIVENS

Nothing to report.

11. NEW BUSINESS – ADAM MATSUMOTO

- a. Independence Day Recap** – This year's Independence Day Celebration was held on Wednesday, July 3rd at Los Nietos Park. There was an assortment of food vendors for patrons to choose from, as well as a variety of family games and competitions throughout the day. This year the horseshoe tournament time was pushed back until 4 p.m. to draw in more participants. Stone Soul and The Band Fresh played throughout the day. Opening Ceremony was attended by City Council, representatives of State Assemblyman Ian Calderon, the 2019 Miss Santa Fe Springs Court, Posting of Colors by the Santa Fe Springs Firefighters, and the National Anthem sung by Lali Salcedo. The Fireworks show by Pyro Spectacular experienced technical difficulties which

pushed the show back until 9:40 p.m. The City was able to hold back 50% of the fees due to the delay. The City will be looking around at other vendors but not counting out Pyro Spectacular in the future. If Pyro Spectacular is used again there will be safeguards in place.

- b. Summer Camp Recap** – Wayne Bergeron gave a brief recap of the Summer Camp Program. Three camps divided by age were run throughout the summer in four - two week sessions. Explorers accommodated grades K-2 and Adventurers grades 3-4 were held at Los Nietos Park and in the child care building. Trailblazers hosted grades 5-7 in the Youth Lounge at Town Center. Each session reached capacity with a total of 476 campers enrolled throughout the summer. Each camp had lunch provided and had a field trip each week. Sixty percent of the camp was comprised of Santa Fe Spring residents. In the future the City will try to expand the number of Trailblazers able to enroll as well as increase the number of residents that are enrolled. Discussion ensued, suggestions were taken by staff and will be looked at.

12. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – MICHAEL GIVENS

- a. Christmas Float Memorial Plaque** – this item was tabled until October meeting
- Mr. Arnold reported on the Christmas Float Subcommittee meeting. Time and stop changes are being discussed.
 - The Volunteer Meeting will be held on November 7th at 7 p.m. at Town Center Hall. Anyone interested in volunteering will need to attend and will be able to sign up for various nights.
 - The Christmas Float Volunteers will be working the Float during the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.
 - Mary Anderson will be counting and inspecting the costumes for the Float so that repairs can be made and any needed items can be purchased.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – MICHAEL GIVENS

- a. Christmas Float Memorial Plaques - October**

14. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – MICHAEL GIVENS

1. Mary Anderson encouraged Committee Members to help with Float costumes for the up-coming 2019 Float Season.
2. David Diaz-Infante announced the Block Party of Los Nietos Park on Saturday starting at 12 p.m. Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at Town Center Hall Meeting Room 1 at 7:00 p.m.
3. Michael Givens announced that Metropolitan Little League is starting their Winter Ball season at Lake Center Athletic Park. The organization is expanding and winning more titles. Mr. Givens asked for volunteers.
4. Executive Secretary Adam Matsumoto announced that he has taken a position with Temple City and will be leaving on September 13th. He thanked the Committee Members for a great four years.

15. ADJOURNMENT – MICHAEL GIVENS, VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Vice-Chairperson Michael Givens adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Center Hall, Meeting Room 1.

Amanda Lascano

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Wayne Bergeron, Interim Executive Secretary