



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Center Hall – Meeting Room No. 1
Wednesday, October 2, 2019**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Andrea Lopez called the meeting to order at 7:06
2. p.m.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – LISA GARCIA

4. ROLL CALL – WAYNE BERGERON, INTERIM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Members Present: Mary Anderson, Ralph Aranda, Ken Arnold, Tim Arnold, Joe Avila, Lisa Garcia, Kurt Hamra, Andrea Lopez, Priscilla Rodriguez, Dolores Romero

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Frank Aguayo Sr., David Diaz-Infante, Michael Givens, William Logan, Sylvia Perez, Adrian Romero, Mark Scoggins

Council Liaison: John M. Mora, Councilmember

Staff: Wayne Bergeron, Community Services Supervisor/ Interim Executive Secretary
Eric Ey, Acting Community Services Supervisor (Absent)
Michelle Smith, Community Services Supervisor (Absent)

Guests: None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ANDREA LOPEZ
Nothing to Report.

6. APPROVAL OF September 4, 2019 MINUTES – ANDREA LOPEZ
A motion was made by Dolores Romero and seconded by Ralph Aranda, to approve the Minutes of September 4, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

7. *OFFICER ELECTIONS – WAYNE BERGERON
Mr. Bergeron gave a brief description of the eligibility requirements, the voting process, and guidelines stated in the Brown Act for Committee Elections.

a. Nominations and Election of Chairperson for 2019-2020– Chairperson Lopez opened the floor to nominate members for the Chairperson position. Members verbally made nominations for the position of Chairperson. Chairperson Lopez closed the floor for nominations. The following member was nominated and accepted: Andrea Lopez.

Votes were taken by show of hand and a vocal vote. Andrea Lopez was unanimously elected in as 2019-2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Chairperson.

- b. Nominations and Election of Vice-Chairperson for 2019-2020** – Chairperson Andrea Lopez opened the floor for Vice-Chairperson nominations. Chairperson Lopez closed the floor for nominations. The following member was nominated and accepted the nomination: Ralph Aranda.

Votes were taken by show of hand and a verbal vote. Ralph Aranda was unanimously elected in as 2019-2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Vice-Chairperson.

- c. Chairperson Appointment of Christmas Float Subcommittee Chair for 2019-2020** – Ms. Lopez appointed Ken Arnold to the position of Chairperson of the Christmas Float Subcommittee.

Discussion was raised about the term of the Subcommittee's Chairperson. The staff report indicated that the term is appointed to the same length of term as the Chairperson. There was concern raised that the term should be from January to January so that the Subcommittee's Chairperson would be able to lead it for the entire year and ensure the success of the Christmas Float Program. A motion was made by Ralph Aranda that the Committee discuss the term of appointment of the Chairperson of the Christmas Float Program at the next scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Kurt Hamra and passed unanimously.

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – WAYNE BERGERON

- a. **Fiestas Patrias, September 13th at Town Center Plaza** – Fiesta Patrias was held on Friday, September 13th in the Town Center Plaza from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Live entertainment included Carolina Russek - Folklorico dancing, Mariachi Monumental De America, Kimberly Garcia, and headlining the show will be Mariachi Los Camperos. This year the Kid Zone was expanded to include not only the rock wall but an inflatable obstacle course along with face painting, loteria, and three crafts. There were local community groups, food vendors, and the Santa Fe Springs Firefighters Association Beer Garden. The event was well attended with more than 1,000 patrons enjoying themselves. A brief video of the event was shown to the Committee.
- b. **Haunted House at the Activity Center – October 25th to October 31st** – The City staff will once again transform the Activity Center into a notorious Haunted House. The Haunted House will be open for its full scare experience October 25th – 27th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Because of the success of the 'lights on' walkthrough of the haunted house for the younger kids, it will return this year on October 29th and 30th from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$4 for ages 12 and younger and \$5 for ages 13 and up. Those attending the Haunted House can get a \$1 discount per person, per admission by donating a canned food item.
- c. **Halloween Carnival - October 31st at 5:00 p.m. at Los Nietos Park** –the Annual Halloween Carnival will take place at Los Nietos Park on Thursday, October 31st from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be a variety of free carnival-style games, candy, food vendors, and a photo booth charging \$2 per picture. The costume parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the following categories: 2 years of age and younger; ages 3-4; ages 5-6; ages 7-9; ages 10-12 years; and dogs on a leash.

9. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

Community Services Supervisor Wayne Bergeron reported on the following:

a. Youth Sports Update

- The Fall Soccer program is underway with games starting Saturday, October 5th. There are 169 youths enrolled in the program.
- The Lake Center Middle School Sports Program is going strong. Flag Football has 23 participants, while Volleyball with 19 players. Teams will play teams from other middle schools in the area.

b. Adult Sports

- The Adult Softball League Fall Season has begun. There are twenty-two teams which play in three leagues on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday nights
- All sports information can be found online at www.santafesprings.org/sports.

c. Summer Aquatics

The Aquatic Center had a successful season which ended on Sunday, September 29th. Fall group lessons experienced an expected reduction in class enrollment from 97% in the summer to 78% in the fall. Private lessons remained at 100%. There were five permits in the month of September which yielded roughly \$1,800 in revenue.

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

- In the month of August 356 middle schooler-aged youth attended The Club while 201 high school students visit for a total of 557. This is an increase of 64.6% from July, however it is a decrease of 26% from August of 2018.
- Halloweek will be a fun week of games and Halloween themed activities in The Club from October 21st through October 25th. All activities are free and pre-registration is not required.

e. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Excursions

- The Los Angeles County Fair – September 21st. On September 21st, twenty-five participants visited the Los Angeles County Fair for a fee of \$12 per person. There was live music, vendors, and a wide array of cooking demonstrations.
- On October 19th, the City will be taking a group on a three hour tour of Warner Brothers Studio. The tour will go behind the scenes and show the participants the working movie sets and sound stages of the Warner Brothers lot. The fee is \$64 per person.

10. OLD BUSINESS – ANDREA LOPEZ

Nothing to report.

11. NEW BUSINESS – WAYNE BERGERON

- a. YLC Monthly Financial report – Mr Bergeron went over the Financial Report.

PRAC Excursion Discussion and Selection* – Mr. Bergeron led the discussion for the selection of the excursions for the months of January through May of 2020. Mr. Bergeron had

several recommendations and opened the floor to suggestions from the Committee. Discussion ensued by the committee.

The following selections were made by the committee:

- **January – The Blueman Group**
- **February – Medieval Times**
- **March – Aquarium of the Pacific**
- **April – Romona Pageant**
- **May – California Strawberry Festival**

12. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – ANDREA LOPEZ

Ken Arnold reported on the following regarding the Christmas Float:

- a. Christmas Float Memorial Plaque – There will be plaque placed on the back of Santa’s sled which will have the volunteers name and the years that they served on the Committee. The criteria for being placed on the plaque would be at least 20 years of service and have passed. Mr. Arnold invited those interested in the creation of the plaque to attend the next Sub-committee meeting on November 4th. Mr. Aranda inquired if there would be an unveiling of the plaque and that the families of the honored be invited. The following persons were identified as the first to be on the memorial: Rod Duarte, Joe Flores, Richard Legarreta, Bill Price, Lynda Short, Armida Trujillo, and Pete Vallejo.
 - Mr. Arnold reported that the float step construction is behind schedule and has not been completed.
 - The Volunteer Meeting will be held on November 7th at 7 p.m. in Town Center Hall. Anyone interested in volunteering will need to attend and will be able to sign up for various nights. Flyers are being distributed. Letters went out to past volunteers.
 - The Float Recognition Dinner will be held on January 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Maggie’s Pub.
 - Food donation letters are being sent out to ask for food donations for Float nights.
 - Joe Avila has volunteered to head up the Traffic section for the Float. Doris Yarwood will be handling the food delivery but welcomed other volunteers to help out. Food will need to be picked up by 4:30 p.m. and delivered to the Yard by 5:00 p.m.
 - Mary Anderson and staff member, Maria Tanahara, have been working on the cleaning and fixing all of the costumes.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – ANDREA LOPEZ

- a. Term of the Christmas Float Sub-committee Chairperson discussion.

14. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ANDREA LOPEZ

- a. Joe Avila suggested that the pink ribbons tied around the trees and medians on the light posts for Breast Cancer Awareness be updated as they are looking worn.
- b. Ms. Lopez welcomed Joe Avila back to the Committee. Mr. Avila explained that he was on the Committee in the past and share some stories of his good experiences.
- c. Mr. Aranda shared that he attended the National Park & recreation Association’s annual conference from September 24th – 26th in Baltimore, Maryland
- d. Priscilla Rodriguez informed the Committee that L.A. CADA is having a fundraiser breakfast. The guest of honor will be former Santa Fe Springs Fire Chief Neil Weiland. She also informed the Committee the L.A. CADA is having a shoe drive to assist those in need. Ms. Rodriguez handed out a flyer for the event.

- e. Andrea Lopez encouraged members volunteer and to recruit volunteers for the Christmas Float Program.

15. ADJOURNMENT – ANDREA LOPEZ, CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Andrea Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Center Hall, Meeting Room 1.



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Wayne Bergeron, Interim Executive Secretary