



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Town Center Hall – Meeting Room No. 1
Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Executive Secretary Adam Matsumoto called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – RALPH ARANDA
3. ROLL CALL – ADAM MATSUMOTO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Members Present: Frank Aguayo Sr., Mary Anderson, Ralph Aranda, Ken Arnold, Tim Arnold, David Diaz-Infante, Lisa Garcia, Lydia Gonzalez, Kurt Hamra, William Logan, Sylvia Perez, Priscilla Rodriguez, Mark Scoggins

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Michael Givens, Ruben Gonzalez, Rudy Legarreta Jr., Andrea Lopez, Adrian Romero, Dolores Romero

Council Liaison: John M. Mora, Councilmember (Absent)

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

Guests: None

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ADAM MATSUMOTO
 - None

5. APPROVAL OF March 6 2019 MINUTES – ADAM MATSUMOTO
A motion was made by Ken Arnold and seconded by Lisa Garcia, to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2019 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

(Amendment to March 6, 2019 minutes)

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – JOHN MORA

- The Washington Corridor Coalition has reconvened. These are meetings to discuss the path which the Metro Gold Line will be constructed on. Santa Fe Springs has met with Metro in order to express interest in having the Gold Line run through Santa Fe Springs. This will be a \$30 billion dollar project which will be completed by the Olympics in 2028.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – JOHN MORA – Due to the absence of Councilmember Mora, the Council Liaison Report has been tabled.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – ADAM MATSUMOTO

- a. **5K Family Fun Run/Walk - Saturday, April 6, 2019 @ 7:00 a.m. at Town Center Plaza** – Santa Fe Springs annual 5K Family Fun Run will start in the Town Center Plaza on Saturday, April 6th at 7:00 a.m. There is still time to register online at www.sfsfunrun.org. The fee is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children, along with a small service fee. There will also be race day registration beginning at 6:00 a.m. This is a timed race and medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each age division. Each runner will receive a participation medal. This year's 80's theme was chosen by the residents. Each participant is encourage to wear their best 80's attire.
- b. **Volunteer Recognition Dinner – Friday, April 12, 2019 @ 6:00 pm at the Social Hall** - The City will hold a Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Friday, April 12th from 6:00 to 8:00p.m. in the Town Center Social Hall. This event will recognize individuals who have provided fifty or more volunteer hours over the past year. Mr. Matsumoto took names of Committee members who have not received their invitations.
- c. **SFS Day of Service (SFS Park) – Saturday, April 13, 2019** – In honor of National Volunteer Week the City will have its annual Santa Fe Springs Day of Service on Saturday, April 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Santa Fe Springs Park. For further questions or to sign up, please contact Maritza Sosa-Nieves at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center at (562) 692-0261. All ages welcome.
- d. **2019 Art Fest – Friday, May 3, 2019 at the Clarke Estate** – This year's Art Fest will be held at the Clarke Estate on May 3rd from 3:00 – 11:00 pm. The event this year will have a variety of components including a film festival, vendors, food trucks, a Paint and Sip event, a variation of artists, as well as this year's Featured Artist, Yolanda Gonzalez. New this year will be a Collector's Night held on Thursday, May 2nd. Attendees will need a VIP ticket to attend this private showing.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

Community Services Supervisor Michelle Smith reported on the following:

a. Youth Sports Update

- Spring Season Youth Basketball will be concluding on Friday, April 12th. This has been a successful season with only positive feedback regarding the move to Los Nietos Park.
- Summer Soccer registration for residents is currently underway at Town Center Hall and online. Practices will start the week of June 10th. This program is for children 5 – 13 years of age. Summer Soccer is one of the City's most popular programs and usually fills up rather quickly.
- Summer Middle School Basketball is for teens in 6th – 8th grade who are interested in basketball league play. Practices will be on Wednesdays while games will be played on Friday evenings.

b. Adult Sports

- The Adult Softball Spring Season is underway with about eight weeks remaining. There is currently a Wednesday night Men's League and Co-Ed League on Friday nights.
- Adult Basketball will begin the week of April 8th with a Tuesday/Thursday League and a Sunday League.
- All sports information can be found online at www.santafesprings.org/sports.

c. Easter 'Eggstavaganza' – April 20th, 10 a.m. – Michelle Smith

The Easter 'Eggstavaganza' will be held on Saturday, April 20th at Los Nietos Park. The annual Horseshoe Tournament as well as The Sister City Committee Pancake Breakfast will be beginning at 8:00 a.m. Tickets for the Pancake Breakfast will be \$4.50 pre-sale and \$5.00 the day of the event. There will be games, a craft area, prize redemption area, photo ops, and Egg Hunts starting at 10:00 a.m. This year a two and under egg hunt was added to the timeline to create a calmer experience for the younger children. An invitation was extended to volunteers who are familiar with the Christmas Float photo area to help with the Easter Photo area. Tim Arnold will collaborate with Wayne Bergeron to assemble a team for the event.

Community Services Supervisor Wayne Bergeron reported on the following:

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

- There were 693 students attendance in the Club for the month of March. This is less than .5% of an increase from February's totals. This was expected with the last week of March being Spring Break for the schools in the district. There has been a steady increase since the City rebranded the Club in 2016. Mr. Bergeron will include the previous month's and year's attendance in his report.
- L.A. CADA concluded its four weekly presentations in the Club. The presentations were focused on issues teens are facing today. Students who attended all four presentations received a certificate stating they are certified Youth Advocates. The program was well received and well attended. Future collaborations with L.A. CADA are expected.
- On Saturday, March 23rd The Club kicked off the week of Spring Break with a trip to Knott's Berry Farm. Eleven students and two staff enjoyed a day at Knott's. The ticket cost was \$20 per person.
- The Club will host a Resume Night on Wednesday, April 24th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

e. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Excursions

- On Saturday, March 16th, the excursion was to The Sergstom Center to see the Broadway hit Aladdin. The cost of this excursion was \$41 per person and was sold out.
- On Saturday, April 13th, participants will venture to the Queen Mary for a historic tour of the ship. This excursion has sold out. The cost of this excursion is \$21 per person, children two and under are free.
- On Saturday, May 18th the excursion will be to the Strawberry Festival in Oxnard. This trip is sold out.

9. OLD BUSINESS – ADAM MATSUMOTO

Nothing to report.

10. NEW BUSINESS – ADAM MATSUMOTO

- a. **Spring Adventure Camp Recap** – Wayne Bergeron reported the Spring Adventure Camp was very successful. Forty campers and four leaders enjoyed three days of fun filled field trips along with two days at the park playing games and making crafts. This was a sold out camp with a wait list. There is potential to increase the numbers to 50 for the 2020 Adventure Camp. Ken Arnold suggested increasing the number to 60. This will be looked at by staff. Mr. Matsumoto asked the Committee to make excursion suggestions for the Camp. Tim Arnold suggested utilizing the Hitting Zone at Little Lake Park. Members made several suggestions which will be considered by staff.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – ADAM MATSUMOTO

Subcommittee Chairperson Ken Arnold gave a brief summary of the content of the Subcommittee meeting held earlier that night.

- The Subcommittee would like to rearrange the stops throughout the two week run to try and average out the numbers of guests seen each night. The Subcommittee will meet next month to discuss.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – ADAM MATSUMOTO

- Annual Potluck Discussion
- Fall Excursion Discussion

13. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ADAM MATSUMOTO

- No Announcements

14. ADJOURNMENT – ADAM MATSUMOTO –EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Executive Secretary Adam Matsumoto adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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



Prepared By: Mandi Lascano, Program Leader III



Adam Matsumoto, Executive Secretary