



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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Andrea Lopez called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – RALPH ARANDA
3. ROLL CALL – WAYNE BERGERON, ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Members Present: Anthony Ambriz, Ralph Aranda, Ken Arnold, Tim Arnold, Johana Coca, Lisa Garcia, Kurt Hamra, William Logan, Andrea Lopez, Priscilla Rodriguez, Adrian Romero, Mark Scoggins

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Frank Aguayo Sr., Mary Anderson, David Diaz-Infante, Michael Givens, Lydia Gonzalez, Ruben Gonzalez, Rudy Legarreta Jr., Dolores Romero

Council Liaison: John M. Mora, Councilmember

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

Guests: None

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ANDREA LOPEZ
 - New member Priscilla Rodriguez introduced herself to the Committee.
5. APPROVAL OF January 9, 2019 MINUTES – ANDREA LOPEZ
A motion was made by Ralph Aranda and seconded by Kurt Hamra, to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – JOHN MORA
Councilmember John Mora reported on the following items:
 - The Christmas Float Sponsor and Volunteer Recognition Dinner was held at Maggie's Pub in order to thank all who contributed to its 38th season. The event was well received by all who attended.
 - Councilmember Mora informed the Committee of the three grand openings he has attended for new businesses in the City. Three new businesses have opened in the past month.

- Former High School Football and Track and Field Coach, Jack Mahlstedt's memorial services will be held on Sunday, February 10th in the Santa Fe High School Gym at 11:00 a.m.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – WAYNE BERGERON

- The Christmas Float Sponsor and Volunteer Recognition Dinner was held at Maggie's Pub on Tuesday, January 29th. Ninety-eight volunteers and sponsors, along with Mayor Juanita Trujillo and Councilmember Mora, were in attendance to honor all who contributed to the Float this year. Milestone awards were handed out to those who have volunteered on the float for 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 & 35 years. Mr. Ken Arnold is the first volunteer to receive a 35 year patch.
- Executive Secretary Adam Matsumoto and his wife welcomed their first child, a daughter, in January.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

Community Services Supervisor Michelle Smith reported on the following:

a. Youth Sports Update

- Boys Basketball and Girls Soccer are wrapping up for the season. The end of season tournaments for the Boys Basketball will be played at Hillview Middle School, while the Girls Soccer Tournament will be played at Rancho Starbuck.
- The Youth Basketball Program has been moved from Center Court to Los Nietos Park. This season there are eight teams. There has been positive feedback from the parents regarding the move. Only downside is that each team only gets to practice on a half court.

b. Adult Sports

- Adult Basketball began the week of January 14th.
- Adult Softball will begin at the end of February. Fees for the season are \$530 per team.
- All sports information can be found online at www.santafesprings.org/sports.

c. President's Day Penny Carnival

The Annual President's Day Penny Carnival will be held on Monday, February 18th at Lakeview Park. There will be 18 games, a craft area, prize redemption area, photo ops, and a \$3 meal deal which includes a hot dog, chips, and a drink. All games can be played for one penny. In the event of inclement weather, the Carnival will take place inside the Activity Center at Los Nietos Park.

Community Services Supervisor Wayne Bergeron reported on the following:

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

- There were 747 visitors to the Club in the month of January. This is a 17% increase from December. This trend is expected to continue through April.
- On January 23rd, The Club hosted "Open the Window to Your Future". The event had twelve speakers stationed around the room to speak to the participants regarding the path they took to reach their career goals. Between 25 and 30 youth participated.

- On Friday, February 15th, The Club will host “Club Code Breakers”. Participants will be given clues which they must decode and then locate the next clue which will be located in the different areas around the Town Center Plaza. Participants will win prizes for finding all the clues.
- Beginning Wednesday, February 12th and continuing for four weeks, L.A. CADA will offer its Historias Program at the Club. This will be a series of open discussions with the youths on a variety of topics which are aimed at high school students to inform and enlighten them on topics such as bullying, drug use, and teen sex. The targeted age is 14-18, but all ages are welcome.

e. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Excursions

- The City’s January 25th excursion the Downey Theater was well received by all who purchased tickets. Thirteen residents along with staff enjoyed an evening of music by the Eagles tribute band, Hotel California. Tickets were pre-purchased by the City and not all were sold.
- On February 23rd, the City Excursion will head to Los Angeles for a Historic Waking Tour of Los Angeles. Patrons will see the many historic sights of L.A. along with a ride on Angels Flight. Participants will enjoy lunch at Grand Central Marks. Fee for the excursion is \$10 per person.
- On March 16th participants will venture to the Sergstom Center to see Aladdin the Musical. Tickets are \$41 per person and will be available once the Spring Quarterly comes out.

9. OLD BUSINESS – ANDREA LOPEZ

Nothing to report.

10. NEW BUSINESS – ANDREA LOPEZ

- a. 2019 Potluck Discussion** – Wayne Bergeron – In order to increase the number of participants for the Committee’s Annual Potluck, Mr. Bergeron solicited the Committee members for ideas such as changes in date and time when it is held. Chairperson Lopez opened the floor and discussion ensued. A decision will be made at a future meeting regarding date and time of event. Suggestions were provided to staff.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – ANDREA LOPEZ

Ken Arnold gave a brief review of the Christmas Float Subcommittee meetings. Mr. Arnold reported that the Subcommittee had a wrap up meeting regarding the improvements and changes that can be made for next Float Season.

- Reorganizing the Volunteer Meeting in November.
- Two new stops at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center and at Los Nietos Park.
- Doris Yarwood would like to step down as Food Delivery for next season.
- The City staff is redesigning the steps for the Santa Float.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – ANDREA LOPEZ

Nothing to report.

13. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ANDREA LOPEZ

- Lisa Garcia announced that Metropolitan Little League will be having its opening day on Saturday, March 2nd at 10 a.m. at Lake Center Athletic Park.
- Wayne Bergeron presented a 'Congratulations' card for the Committee Members to sign and be sent to Adam Matsumoto and his wife for the birth of their daughter.
- Andrea Lopez announced that the Sister City Committee will be having a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, April 20th during the City's Easter Event. Presale tickets are \$4.50, day of price will be \$5.00.
- Ken Arnold welcomed Councilmember Mora to the Committee.
- Tim Arnold announced that is Cub Scout Troop will be having Blue and Gold banquet on February 26th to celebrate the birthday of the Cub Scouts. It is a pot-luck and all are welcome. It is at 6 p.m. at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center.

14. ADJOURNMENT – ANDREA LOPEZ –CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Andrea Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m. in memory of Former Councilmember Betty Putnam and longtime Santa Fe High School Football Coach, Jack Mahlstedt.

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Center Hall, Meeting Room 1.

*The Christmas Sub-Committee will meet at 6:00 pm at Town Center Hall.



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Adam Matsumoto, Executive Secretary