



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Town Center Hall – Meeting Room No. 1  
Wednesday, June 5, 2019**

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Andrea Lopez called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – PRISCILLA RODRIGUEZ
3. ROLL CALL – ADAM MATSUMOTO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

*Members Present:* Mary Anderson, Ralph Aranda, Ken Arnold, Tim Arnold, David Diaz-Infante, Lisa Garcia, Lydia Gonzalez, William Logan, Andrea Lopez, Sylvia Perez, Priscilla Rodriguez, Adrian Romero, Dolores Romero, Mark Scoggins

*Members Excused:*

*Members Absent:* Frank Aguayo Sr., Michael Givens, Ruben Gonzalez, Kurt Hamra Jr., Rudy Legarreta

*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

*Guests:* None

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ANDREA LOPEZ  
Nothing to Report
5. APPROVAL OF May 1, 2019 MINUTES – ANDREA LOPEZ  
A motion was made by Tim Arnold and seconded by Lisa Garcia, to approve the Minutes of May 1, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – JOHN MORA  
Councilmember Mora reported on the following items:
  - This year's Children's Day was held on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Heritage Park. The event was well received by the public. There were several activities, such as rope making, panning for gold, and candle making, which patrons enjoyed.
  - Councilmember Mora recently attended a Recon Convention with other Councilmembers and the Planning Department. Councilmember Mora

reported that the City's Planning Department is working to draw larger name stores in to Santa Fe Springs.

- Councilmember Mora updated the Committee on the East Side Corridor Phase II which would extend the Gold Line closer to the Santa Fe Springs area. There are two possible routes that will be determined at a later date. Visit [https://www.metro.net/projects/eastside\\_phase2](https://www.metro.net/projects/eastside_phase2) to see when and where public meetings are being held.

## 7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – ADAM MATSUMOTO

- a. PRAC is dark July and August** – Mr. Matsumoto reminded Committee Members that PRAC is dark for the months of July and August. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## 8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

Community Services Supervisor Michelle Smith reported on the following:

### **a. Youth Sports Update**

- Summer Soccer Program will begin the week of June 10<sup>th</sup>. There are 340 participants registered who will play for ten weeks throughout the summer.
- The Middle School Summer Basketball program is for children in grades sixth, seventh, and eighth. Practices will take place on Mondays while the games will be played on Fridays at the Activity Center. This program will start the week of June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth Tournaments will be held at the Activity Center throughout the summer. The tournaments are open to the public and free of charge. The tournaments will include 3-on-3 Basketball, Dodgeball, and Wiffleball.

### **b. Adult Sports**

- The current Softball League is ending on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Summer Adult Softball will begin June 14<sup>th</sup>. Men's Leagues will be on Tuesday and Wednesday nights while the Co-ed teams will play on Fridays.
- Adult Basketball is finishing up its season this week. The summer session will begin the week of July 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration is being taken at Town Center Hall. The fee is \$560 per team.
- All sports information can be found online at [www.santafesprings.org/sports](http://www.santafesprings.org/sports).

### **c. Independence Day Celebration**

The Independence Day Celebration will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Los Nietos Park. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. There will be crafts, games, horseshoe tournament, food trucks and live entertainment. There will be a ceremony at 6:15 p.m. followed by a fireworks show at 9:00 p.m. There will be an easy viewing area at Santa Fe Springs Athletic Fields along with a shuttle to and from Town Center Hall to the viewing area and Los Nietos Park. Food trucks will be on site.

### **d. Summer Aquatics**

Resident registration for swim lessons at the Aquatic Center is currently underway. The Aquatic Center opens and lessons begin on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Aquatic Center will offer Recreational Swim, Adult Lap Swim, Junior Guards, Swim Team, Water Exercise,

Swim Lessons, Private Swim Lessons, and Private Pool Rentals. Staff will look into offering additional private lessons on Saturdays. Registration is currently being accepted.

Community Services Supervisor Wayne Bergeron reported on the following:

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

- There was a total of 718 middle school-aged students in the Club in April, which is a 26% increase in attendance from March and a daily average of 35.9 per day. Meanwhile, there were 156 high school participants for a daily average of 7.8 members per day which is a 25% increase since March. In total there were 874 student frequenting The Club for the month of April. This is an increase of 26% from the month of March 2019 and an increase of 13% from April of 2018.
- On May 8<sup>th</sup>, Club staff assisted seniors in the WUHSD with their Senior Board Presentations. Seniors did a mock presentation and received critiques and suggestions.
- On May 24<sup>th</sup> The Club hosted Pop-Trivia from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. Twenty-four students participated in the competition. It was well received, the staff and students look forward to hosting more Pop-Trivia nights throughout the year.

**f. *Summer Camp***

Summer Camp will begin June 10<sup>th</sup> and consist of four – two week sessions until August 4<sup>th</sup>. The Explorers Camp will host Kindergarten through second grade campers while the Adventurers Camp will host third and fourth grade campers at Los Nietos Park. Campers will have access to the Options Childcare building during the summer. The Trailblazers Camp for fifth through seventh grade will be run out of The Club. Resident registration began on May 6<sup>th</sup> while non-residents registration began on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$125 per child, per session for residents and \$151 for non-residents. Morning and evening care is available for an additional fee. To date all sessions for Explorers and Trailblazers are full. There are limited spots remaining for Adventures Camp. Prospective Campers will be placed on a wait-list and notified if positions become available. Applications packets are available at the Parks & Recreation office and must be completed prior to registration.

**g. *Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Excursions***

- California Strawberry Festival – May 19<sup>th</sup>. Forty-one participants registered for this sold out excursion and enjoyed a beautiful day at the California Strawberry Festival in Oxnard. They were able to partake in a variety of foods, strawberry delicacies, as well as games, music, and arts and craft vendors.
- Day Trip to Solvang – June 22<sup>nd</sup>. On June 22<sup>nd</sup> this sold out excursion will travel to the Danish-inspired town of Solvang. This trip includes a stop at Ostrich Land USA where you can take a tour and learn about ostriches and emus. The cost of this excursion is \$14 per person. This excursion is sold out.
- Phantom of the Opera – July 21<sup>st</sup>. On July 21<sup>st</sup> the City will make a special trip to the Segerstrom Center of the Arts to watch Phantom of the Opera. The cost of this excursion is \$46 per person.
- Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego Padres – August 3<sup>rd</sup>. On August 3<sup>rd</sup> the Dodgers take on their West Division rivals the San Diego Padres. The cost of this excursion is \$47 person and includes seats in the ‘All You Can Eat’ right field pavilion. This excursion is sold out.

9. OLD BUSINESS – ANDREA LOPEZ

Nothing to report.

10. NEW BUSINESS – ADAM MATSUMOTO

- a. **PRAC Excursion Discussion and Selection** – Wayne Bergeron gave a brief recap of past excursions and passed out information of suggested future excursions. Chariperson Lopez opened the floor to discuss different excursions that may be offered for the months of September 2019, October 2019, November 2019, and December 2019. Discussion ensued. The following selections were determined by the committee:
- i. **L.A. County Fair** – September 2019
  - ii. **Warner Brothers Studio** – October 2019
  - iii. **Griffith Observatory** – November 2019
  - iv. **Harbor Cruise** – December 2019

A motion was made by Ken Arnold, and seconded by Lisa Garcia, to approve the selected trips for the City’s fall quarterly. The motion was carried unanimously.

- b. **Summer Camp Statistics Report** – Adam Matsumoto gave a brief statistical evaluation of the resident vs. non-resident enrolment rate for the Summer Camp Program as well as cost and staffing analysis. Discussion ensued regarding program improvements. Staff suggested that a longer “Resident Only” registration would allow more residents to enroll in the program and to increase the funding for Trailblazers to bring on an additional staff member to increase enrollment to meet the registration needs.

A motion was made by Ken Arnold, and seconded by Dolores Romero for the following recommends:

- Increase the amount of time for ‘Resident Only’ registration to allow more opportunity for residents to participate in the summer camp program.
- Increase budget and enrollment of Trailblazers Camp by ten campers to accommodate the number of residents interested in the program.

The motion was carried unanimously.

- c. **2019 PRAC Potluck Sign-Up List – August 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** – The Annual PRAC Potluck will be held on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The potluck will be held at the The Club and at the Aquatic Center. Committee members signed up for food and drink items.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – ANDREA LOPEZ

- Mr. Arnold reported on the Christmas Float Subcommittee meeting. Mary Anderson will meet with City staff to go over the Float costume inventory. The schedule and stop locations were discussed. In order to balance out the wait times each night, the sub-committee rearranged the schedule by studying previous season’s attendance numbers at each stop.
- Mr. Arnold reported that the Subcommittee will be taking more of an active-roll with the Float during the City’s Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – ANDREA LOPEZ

- a. Nominations and Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair - September
- b. Christmas Float Memorial Plaques - September

13. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ANDREA LOPEZ

- Mary Anderson reminded the Committee Members that the Float will need more volunteers during Tree Lighting and the up-coming 2019 Float Season.
- Ralph Aranda thanked the staff for compiling all the information for the Summer Camp statistics.
- David Diaz-Infante announced the Block Party of Lakeview Park on Saturday starting at 12 p.m.
- Members congratulated Mr. Diaz-Infante on his daughter winning the Destiny Scholarship.

14. ADJOURNMENT – ANDREA LOPEZ –CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Andrea Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. in memory of Mr. Romero.

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



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Adam Matsumoto, Executive Secretary