



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Town Center Hall – Meeting Room No. 1  
Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Andrea Lopez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – LISA GARCIA
3. ROLL CALL – WAYNE BERGERON, ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

*Members Present:* Ralph Aranda, Ken Arnold, Tim Arnold, David Diaz-Infante, Lisa Garcia, Michael Givens, Ruben Gonzalez, Kurt Hamra, William Logan, Andrea Lopez, Sylvia Perez, Adrian Romero, Dolores Romero

*Members Excused:* Priscilla Rodriguez

*Members Absent:* Frank Aguayo Sr., Mary Anderson, Lydia Gonzalez, Rudy Legarreta Jr., Mark Scoggins

*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 Sylvia Perez introduced herself to the Committee.
5. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 2019 MINUTES – ANDREA LOPEZ  
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 February 6, 2019 minutes)

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – ANDREA LOPEZ

- Doris Yarwood would like extend the position of food delivery to anyone if they interested in volunteering.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – JOHN MORA  
Councilmember Mora reported on the following items:
  - The Washington Correlation 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.

- The Florence Ave Bridge will be completed by the end of 2019.
- Read Across America was held at all the local school last week. Many agencies within Santa Fe Springs participated in the program by visiting schools and reading to the students.
- Whittier Narrows Dam will need to be retrofitted. This is to avoid massive flooding if the dam were to fail or a 'Mega Storm' were to occur. Congresswoman Linda Sanchez is very involved in this effort.
- Raymond Handling Solutions in Santa Fe Springs has partnered with the U.S. Army and will be hiring veterans and former military members in order to ease transition back to civilian life.
- Councilmember Mora was asked by Ken Arnold if he had information about the widening of the 605 from the 10 to the 105 freeways. Councilmember Mora will look into the subject.

## 7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – WAYNE BERGERON

- a. 5K family Fun Run/Walk - Saturday, April 6, 2019 @ 7:00 a. at Town Center Plaza** – Santa Fe Springs annual 5K Family Fun Run will start at in the Town Center Plaza on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. This year's theme is "Totally 80's", participants are encouraged to wear their most totally awesome 80's attire. Registration is being handled online only at [www.sfsfunrun.org](http://www.sfsfunrun.org). Mr. Bergeron will look into and report back to the Committee on service fees being charged when registering online. The Committee suggests that these fees be advertised so the customer is aware prior to registering.
- 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 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Center Social Hall. This event will recognize individuals who have provided 50 or more volunteer hours over the past year.
- 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 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Santa Fe Springs Park. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center.

## 8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

Community Services Supervisor Michelle Smith reported on the following:

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

- Hoopstars is three weeks into the season. This program is for children in kindergarten through second grade. Scrimmages' will begin shortly.
- The Youth Basketball Program is for children in grades third through sixth. Practices and games are being held at Los Nietos Park.

### **b. Adult Sports**

- Adult Basketball began the week of January 14<sup>th</sup>.

- 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](http://www.santafesprings.org/sports).

**c. Easter ‘Eggstavaganza’ – April 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.**

The Easter ‘Eggstavaganza’ will be held on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Los Nietos Park. The annual Horseshoe Tournament as well as The Sister City Committee will be Pancake Breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m. There will be games, a craft area, prize redemption area, photo ops, and Egg Hunts starting at 10:00 a.m.

Community Services Supervisor Wayne Bergeron reported on the following:

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

- There was a 7% decrease in attendance in the Club from January. The decrease was expected due to two days that Lounge was closed and February being a shorter month.
- L.A. CADA is continuing its four weekly presentations in the Club. The presentations are focused on issues teens are facing today. The presentations are open to anyone who would like to attend.
- On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> The Club will kick off Spring Break with a trip to Knott’s Berry Farm. The fee is \$20 and participants must be a member of The Club.

**e. 2019 Spring Adventure Camp**

Spring Adventure Camp will be held March 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> at Little Lake Park from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$94 per child and is for ages 5-11. Participants will go on three field trips throughout the week.

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

- The City’s February 23<sup>rd</sup> excursion was a historic walking tour of Los Angeles. Seventeen participants and two staff attended a walking tour of L.A. hosted by the L.A. Conservatory which spotlighted the architecture and the history of the area. Pershing Square, Angeles Flight, and lunch in Grand Central Market were among the highlights of the excursion.
- On Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, the excursion will be at The Sergstom Center to see the Broadway hit Aladdin. The cost of this excursion is \$41 per person and has sold out.
- On Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, participants will venture the Queen Mary for a historic tour of the ship. The cost of this excursion is \$21 per person, children two and under are free.

**9. OLD BUSINESS – ANDREA LOPEZ**

Nothing to report.

**10. NEW BUSINESS – WAYNE BERGERON**

- a. President’s Day Penny Carnival Recap** – Michelle Smith reported on the annual President’s Day Penny Carnival was held on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Los Nietos Park and inside of the Activity Center. Due to the incimate weather and saturated grass area at Lakeview Park, the event was moved to the Activity Center. Roughly 500

participants were on hand to enjoy the many penny carnival games, crafts, prizes, and food at the event. Due to mild weather during the event the craft area, information area, and food were outside of the building. The event was well received and attendance increased from the last year.

- b. August Excursion Opportunity to Dodger Game** – Wayne Bergeron informed the Committee that the City had been presented with the opportunity to book a Dodger game with seating in the Right Field Pavilion as a Community Excursion Trip. The game would be on Saturday, August 3 against the San Diego Padres. Tickets are \$46 per person and include transportation, ticket to game, and all you can eat in the Right Field Pavilion. A motion was made by William Logan and seconded by David Diaz-Infante to approve the Dodger game as the August Community Excursion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – ANDREA LOPEZ

Chairperson Lopez clarified that the Chairperson for the Christmas Float Sub-Committee is not appointed by City Council but voted on by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. Chairperson Ken Arnold gave a brief review of the Christmas Float Subcommittee managers and their areas.

- Mr. Arnold suggested that the Sub-Committee meet in April to discuss 2019 Float stops so that the information would be ready for the Winter Quarterly.
- Mr. Arnold invited members to join the sub-committee if interested.
- Gloria Maghame is interested in joining the sub-committee to manage the Train Float.
- Kurt Hamra asked for a progress up-date on the new float steps. Mr. Bergeron will follow up with the Public Works Department on the progress and report back to the Committee.
- Chairperson Lopez informed the Committee that high school students will get service hours for volunteering.

#### 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – ANDREA LOPEZ

Nothing to report.

#### 13. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ANDREA LOPEZ

- Mike Givens read a letter sent to him by a father of a Metro Baseball member informing him of an incident at Lake Center Athletic Park. While leaving practice, the man's son saw a Gatorade bottle next to their car. The boy assumed that it had fallen out of his car and picked it up. Once he began to drink it, he realized that it was gasoline and spit it out. Fortunately he did not swallow any of the gasoline. The father just wanted to make the league aware of instance and to let other parents know.
- David Diaz-Infante announce the Neighborhood Watch meeting on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at Town Center Hall in Meeting Room 1.
- The question was asked if there was any City incentive program to encourage home owners to improve the look of their homes. Mr. Arnold stated that in the past there was but due to the loss of the redevelopment funds from the State the program has been canceled.
- Chairperson Lopez asked the members to keep an eye on small pets. A cat was hit by a car on her street. There have also been a lot of coyote sighting and missing pets.

14. ADJOURNMENT – ANDREA LOPEZ –CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Andrea Lopez adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Center Hall, Meeting Room 1.



Prepared By: Mandi Lascano, Program Leader III



Adam Matsumoto, Executive Secretary