



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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Andrea Lopez called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – LISA GARCIA
3. ROLL CALL – ADAM MATSUMOTO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Members Present: Frank Aguayo Sr., Ralph Aranda, Ken Arnold, Tim Arnold, David Diaz-Infante, Lisa Garcia, Michael Givens, William Logan, Andrea Lopez, Sylvia Perez, Adrian Romero, Dolores Romero

Members Excused: Priscilla Rodriguez

Members Absent: Mary Anderson, Lydia Gonzalez, Ruben Gonzalez, Rudy Legarreta, Kurt Hamra Jr., Mark Scoggins

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 April 3, 2019 MINUTES – ANDREA LOPEZ
A motion was made by Ralph Aranda and seconded by William Logan, to approve the Minutes of April 3, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – JOHN MORA
Councilmember Mora reported on the following items:
 - Santa Fe High School and St. Paul High School will partner together to put on “Every 15 Minutes” in the up-coming weeks.
 - On Saturday, April 27 the Public Works Department along with many volunteers, planted 83 trees in one hour and fifteen minutes at Lake Center Athletic Park.
 - The Easter ‘Eggstravaganza’ was held at Los Nietos Park on April 20th. It was well received by the public. Councilmember Mora suggested that the

Sister City obtain the use of an additional grill to help speed up the Pancake Breakfast line.

- Art Fest will be held on Friday, May 3rd at the Clarke Estate from 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Councilmember Mora will be attending a Recon Convention along with other Councilmembers and some members of the Planning Department. These conventions are designed to help bring business opportunities in to cities.
- Councilmember Mora gave an update on resident concerns in the Plaza with the Octa-Plasma Center. The business has hired a security guard to patrol the area around the business and has instructed their staff to do hourly patrols of the area to clean up after the patrons that use the facility.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – ADAM MATSUMOTO

- 2019 Art Fest – Friday, May 3, 2019 at the Clarke Estate** – Santa Fe Springs Annual Art Fest will have a new component this year, Collector’s Night. The Collector’s Night is designed to involve the business community by allowing the sponsors and local businesses an evening to view and purchase the art. The main event for the public will be on Friday, May 3rd from 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. The featured artist will be Yolanda Gonzales. There will also be a film component, ‘paint and sip’ event, food and art vendors, and live entertainment.
- Women’s Club Stroke Awareness – May 21, 2019** – The Women’s club will be hosting a Stroke Awareness speaker on May 21st in the Town Center Hall Meeting Room 1. This is a free event but seating is limited. Please RSVP to Councilmember Annette Rodriguez.
- 2019 Fiesta Patrias – September 13, 2019** – This year’s Fiesta Patrias will be hosted by the Parks and Recreation Division. The event will be held in the Town Center Plaza on September 13th.
- Action Item Reports** – Beginning in June, Staff Reports will be included in the Committee packets mailed to members. This is to stay in compliance with the Brown Act as well as give Committee Members time to read up on the items in the reports.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

Community Services Supervisor Michelle Smith reported on the following:

a. Youth Sports Update

- Registration for Summer Youth Soccer is underway. The fees include games, uniforms, team pictures, and participation trophy. The program will begin the week of June 10th and run for ten weeks.
- 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 10th.
- 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 three on three basketball, Dodgeball, and Wiffleball.

b. Adult Sports

- Adult Softball will begin June 14th. Men's Leagues will be on Tuesday and Wednesday nights while the Co-ed team will play on Fridays.
- Adult Basketball is expanding. A Sunday League was added and has 11 men's teams enrolled. Staff is looking into adding a women's league.
- All sports information can be found online at www.santafesprings.org/sports.

c. Independence Day Celebration

The Independence Day Celebration will be held on July 3rd at Los Nietos Park. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. There will be crafts, games, horseshoes, food trucks and live entertainment. There will be an opening ceremony at 6:15 p.m. followed by a fireworks show at 9:00 p.m.

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 10th. Staff will look into offering additional private lessons on Saturdays. The City is in the process of hiring lifeguards for the summer.

Community Services Supervisor Wayne Bergeron reported on the following:

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

- There was a total of 874 students in the Club in April, which is a 26% increase in attendance. There is a 13% increase from April of 2018.
- On May 8th, Club staff will assist seniors in the WUHSD with their Senior Board Presentations. Seniors can do a mock presentation and receive critiques and suggestions. This will take place on May 8th at 6:30 p.m.

f. Summer Camp

Summer Camp will begin June 10th and run four – two week sessions until August 2nd. 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 Youth Lounge. Resident registration begins on May 6th while non-residents can register beginning on May 20th. The cost is \$125 per child/session for residents and \$151 for non-residents. Morning and evening care is available for an additional fee. There are 40 spots in each camp. Once full, children will be placed on a wait list. Ken Arnold inquired to how many residents were placed on a wait list last year and eventually turned away. Mr. Arnold asked how the City could monitor resident vs. non-resident registration to insure that residents on the wait list were allowed into camp. Discussion ensued about this as well as raising the maximum number of campers allowed in camp. Staff will compile statistics and report back to the Committee.

g. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Excursions

- The City's April 13th excursion to the Queen Mary in Long Beach was enjoyed by 35 patrons and staff. The group enjoyed a tour of the historic ship, shopping, and dining.
- On Saturday, May 18th, the excursion will be to the Oxnard Strawberry Festival. This is a very popular excursion and is already sold out. Participants will enjoy a

day of everything strawberry along with food vendors, crafts vendors, live music, and celebrity chef demonstrations.

9. OLD BUSINESS – ANDREA LOPEZ

Nothing to report.

10. NEW BUSINESS – ADAM MATSUMOTO

- a. **Easter ‘Eggstavaganza Recap** – Michelle Smith reported on the annual Easter ‘Eggstavaganza’ was held on Saturday, April 20th at Los Nietos Park. The event had higher attendance than previous years. The Sister City Pancake Breakfast sold out by 9:30 a.m. Photos, crafts, and games began at 9:00 a.m. The Egg Hunts began at 10:00 a.m. A two and under age bracket was added to the event and was well attended. The hunt area was increased this year and worked out well. The photo area was successful this year with two photo areas to help move the line along. Volunteers from the Christmas Float Sub-Committee took photos which was very helpful and one reason that the area ran so smoothly. Many patrons participated in the lawn races. California Kettle donated 40 bags of kettle corn as prizes. The floor was open for suggestions for 2020 event. Mr. Matsumoto showed a brief video of the event.
- b. **PRAC Potluck Discussion** – Adam Matsumoto began a discussion about time and location for the PRAC Potluck. Discussion ensued. The potluck will be held on Wednesday, August 7th. The potluck will run from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. with swimming available at 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge as well at the Aquatic Center.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – ANDREA LOPEZ

- Mr. Arnold and Mr. Bergeron will take the averages of each night’s attendance and create a balanced schedule to where each night will see roughly 300 residents.
- The Charlesworth stop will be moved into the Los Nietos Park parking lot to avoid traffic congestion as well as patron safety.
- Stops will be evaluated in order to spread them out evenly throughout the City to serve more of the community.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – ANDREA LOPEZ

- a. PRAC Excursion Discussion and Selection – June
- b. Nominations and Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair – September
- c. Float Memorial Discussion
- d. 2020 Summer Camp Recommendations Report – June
- e. Pot Luck Sign-Up List - June

13. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ANDREA LOPEZ

- David Diaz-Infante announced that there will be a Neighborhood Block Party at Los Nietos Park on May 11th. This event is being put on by the Police Service Center/Neighborhood Watch.
- Mr. Matsumoto announce that the Art Fest Collectors Night will be on Thursday, May 2nd and is open to the public. V.I.P. Tickets are for vendors and sponsors which include beer and wine tastings. The Art Fest will be at the Clarke Estate on Friday, May 3rd at the Clarke Estate from 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. There will be vendors, food, art, and live entertainment.

14. ADJOURNMENT – ANDREA LOPEZ –CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Andrea Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Center Hall, Meeting Room 1.



Prepared By: Mandi Lascano, Program Leader III



Adam Matsumoto, Executive Secretary