



MINUTES OF THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
Meeting of April 8, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Vanesa Doss called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Secretary Valerie Gamboa called the roll.

Members Present: Jaeleen Casillas, Alan Duque, Vanesa Doss, Valerie Gamboa, Jisel Morales, Mikaela Oliva, Sophie Pantoja

Members Absent: Valerie Bojorquez, Jilliana Casillas, Zulema Gamboa

Staff: Wayne B. Bergeron, Community Services Supervisor/Executive Secretary
Manuel Cantu, Community Services Program Coordinator
Jessica Magallanes, Librarian I

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Valerie Gamboa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Oral communications item was opened by the Chairperson. There was no one from the public to speak. Chairperson Casillas then closed oral communications.

5. CONSENT AGENDA*

a. Minutes approval for March 4, 2024

A motion was made by Jaleen Casillas and seconded by Jisel Morales to approve items 5A. Motion passed with 7 yeas / 0 nays / 1 abstention.

6. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAYNE B. BERGERON

Executive Secretary Wayne Bergeron gave a brief report on the following items.

a. Recap of the 5K Family Fun Run/Walk Event

i. Held on March 9 at Town Center Plaza. Attended by a record-breaking 1,400 participants. Thanks to all of the sponsors and volunteers for their work. Also, thanks to the City of Santa Fe Springs Employees Association for the Beer Garden.

b. Annual Easter Eggstravaganza:

i. Held on March 30 at the Activity Center. Location was changed due to rain. Thanked the Legarreta Family for the annual cake walk, the Majestics Car Club and the Undesirables Car Club for their donation of Easter baskets, and the Sister Cities Organization for the delicious pancake breakfast. Close to 1,500 people attended the event.

c. Request for Bids for Aquatic Center and Wading Pool Maintenance Services

i. The YLC was informed that a contractor had been selected and work was now underway at the Aquatic Center. The work is scheduled to be complete in mid-July.

d. Reservation Report FY 22-23 and FY 23-24

i. The Executive Secretary provided information to the YLC on the number of reservations made for use of Departmental covered picnic areas and indoor facilities.

7. OLD BUSINESS - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAYNE B. BERGERON

a. Establish Work Teams for upcoming events & activities

- i. A Subcommittee for Events Planning was established. This was an item that was initially brought before the YLC in its meeting of February 5th, but had been tabled due to not having all members present. It was determined that Jaeleen Casillas, Alan Duque, Mikaela Oliva, and Sophie Pantoja would serve on the Subcommittee and that a Chairperson would be selected from the aforementioned members after its first meeting.
8. NEW BUSINESS* - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAYNE B. BERGERON
 - a. Determine YLC Representatives to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the City Council Meeting on May 21, 2024.
 - i. Jaleen Casillas, Valerie Gamboa, and Sophie Pantoja will attend the City Council meeting to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the May 21st meeting.
 - b. Executive Secretary Mr. Bergeron informed the members of the YLC that the meeting of April 1st would be postponed to April 8th as the City would be closed in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.
9. PRS DIVISION PROGRAM UPDATES

Executive Secretary Wayne Bergeron provided a brief overview of the following:

 - Onboarding 38 new staff members beginning on Monday, April 8th; they'll be placed in different program areas to assist in the delivery of summer programming
 - Spring Camp was held on March 25-29 at Little Lake Park (78% fill rate, 31 participants)
 - Summer Camp registration begins in May
 - Youth basketball season is winding down; the last day of games is April 12th.
 - Youth soccer season registration is currently open; looking for ways to add more kids to the program as some divisions are already at max capacity.
 - Pee Wee Soccer registration currently ongoing.
 - Pee Wee baseball program is in full swing (played on Sunday mornings at Lakeview Park)
 - Adult Softball leagues are back in season starting this week playing on Friday nights at Little Lake Park and Los Nietos Park
 - Wading Pools are going to open on May 4
 - Monday through Friday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
 - Saturday-Sunday, 12:30-5:30 p.m.
 - 12:30-5:30 daily beginning in June
 - Movies in the Park are returning to Parks and Recreation beginning in June
10. LIBRARY SERVICES DIVISION PROGRAM UPDATES – JESSICA MAGALLANES, LIBRIRIAN I
 - a. April is National Poetry Month and the Library has purchased 15 new books in that genre, with a display that will be up in the Library through the month. Also materials were provided for “black out poetry.”
 - b. Circus Escape Room is now accepting registration.
 - c. Tween Minecraft program set for May 17, 2024 (ages 9-12). It is being coordinated by an contracted company who will run child safe programs via their servers.
 - d. Summer Reading Program for Teens June 8th – July 27, 2024 (Theme: Adventure Begins at Your Library) – Anyone can join, no library card needed
 - i. All Ages Kick-off Party on June 8, 2024
 - ii. Teen DIY Nights in June & July
 - e. Ms. Magallanes also informed the Committee that if it needed a place to meet for subcommittees, the Study Room in the Library is available for use in hour blocks
11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

There were no Subcommittee Report.
12. PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

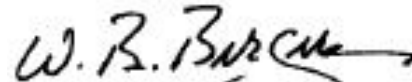
- Program Coordinator Manuel Cantu informed the YLC that he had been working with the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier (BGCW) to promote Core Mentor, the program formerly known as College Bound. The Executive Director of the BGCW will be attending the May YLC meeting to conduct a presentation on the various offerings it will be providing and how teens can take advantage of them.
- The planning of the farewell to outgoing members will be on the May agenda. The farewell will be held on June 10th.
- Jessica Magallanes will present a survey to the YLC at its May meeting to solicit their input and suggestions for Summer Reading Program prizes and giveaways.

14. MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. Executive Secretary informed the YLC that the reason Valerie Bojorquez and Zulema Gamboa arrived well after the start of the meeting and were marked absent is because they were going through orientation as new hires to the City's Department of Parks & Recreation.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Doss adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.



Prepared By: Wayne B. Bergeron, Executive Secretary