



YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Town Center Hall

The Club

Monday, December 4, 2017

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Richard Aguilar called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – RICHARD AGUILAR, CHAIRPERSON

3. ROLL CALL – RAFAEL GOMEZ

Attendance: Savanna Aguayo, Ivan Aguilar, Richard Aguilar, Walter Alvarez, Karla Cardenas, Jennisa Casillas, Jennifer Centeno, Andrew Chavez, Angel Corona, Jazmine Duque, Rafael Gomez, Bernardo Landin, Valerie Melendez, Metztli Mercado-Garcia, Ioannis Panou, Zachary Varela, Christian Zamora

Absent: Destiny Cornejo, Valerie Gonzales, Amber Marquez, Giovanni Sandoval

Council Liaison: Joe Angel Zamora, Councilmember

Staff: Wayne Bergeron, Community Services Supervisor (Excused)
Manuel Cantu, Program Coordinator
Edwin Vargas, Community Services Program Leader III
Demi Perez, Community Services Program Leader II
Jennifer Selga, Information Desk Assistant (Excused)

Guests: Monica Soto, LA CADA Associate
Jasmine Davalos, LA CADA Coordinator
Laurence Fernandez Jr., LA CADA Program Manager
Paul Meza, LA CADA Senior Educator

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – The guests introduced themselves as members from the LA CADA organization to committee members.

13. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It was reported that Jennifer Selga has moved on to another position outside of the City of Santa Fe Springs. The Library will be assigning a new representative to attend the Youth Leadership Meetings in the near future.
- Mr. Vargas encouraged members to visit The Club and take part in the College Bound Program.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – RICHARD AGUILAR

A motion was made by Jennisa Casillas, and seconded by Metztli Mercado-Garcia, to approve the minutes of November 6, 2017. The motion carried with a majority vote.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

- Councilmember Zamora thanked all those who participated in making the Tree Lighting event a huge success on Saturday, December 2.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

LA CADA gave a brief overview of what resources and services they offer to the public. They offer different opportunities for youth and adults with drug free programs and HIV/AIDS awareness assistance. Currently, the LA CADA program works with the T.E.E.N.S. program and the Family and Human Services Division in the City. The LA CADA program expressed interest in working alongside the Youth Leadership Committee in spreading HIV/AIDS awareness and drug free programming for the Santa Fe Springs youth community. The Youth Leadership Committee plans to work in alliance with the LA CADA organization to help spread awareness on these topics to the youth in Santa Fe Springs.

7. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – MANUEL CANTU

In Wayne Bergeron's absence, Program Coordinator Manuel Cantu updated the committee on the events and programs in the Parks and Recreation Services Division. It was reported that volunteers are needed for the Neighborly Elf Program at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center. More information will be given during Mr. Vargas' report. Mr. Cantu also noted some of the excursions that the city will be taking to LACMA and the Ronald Regan Library during the winter Season. There will also be free crafts every month for young children, on alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays, every month at each of Parks.

Mr. Cantu also thanked the volunteers who participated in the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Committee member Savanna Aguayo, who worked the event, reported that the craft section was very successful and that the children seemed to really enjoy the craft options.

8. DIVISION PROGRAM UPDATES – COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF

a. ***Youth Programming (Parks and Recreation Division)*** – Staff Member Demi Perez handed out the December 2017 activity calendar for The Club and highlighted the academic and social activities that take place each week. Ms. Perez also handed out the food calendar for the month.

- i. *Ice Skating Excursion* – December 15, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Ticket prices are \$20 per person.
- ii. December 18-29 the Club will open at 12 p.m. for the holiday break.

b. ***T.E.E.N.S. Program (Parks & Recreation Division)*** – Mr. Vargas reported on the following T.E.E.N.S. events that are available in November:

- i. *Life Hacks* – December 13, 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. at the Club
- ii. *Holiday Program Volunteer Opportunities* – Mr. Vargas gave a brief overview of the Neighborly Elf Program at the Gus Velasco

Neighborhood Center. A sign-up sheet for those interested in volunteering was passed around to the members.

- c. **Library & Cultural Services Division Teen Programs** – Tabled until a new representative has been appointed.

9. OLD BUSINESS – EDWIN VARGAS

- a. **Youth Leadership Windbreaker Jackets** – Mr. Vargas will work those members who still need to receive a jacket after the meeting.
- b. **Youth Leadership Wall Update** – Member Jennisa Casillas gave an update on the progress towards having Youth Leadership Committee member quotes up on the walls of the Club.

10. NEW BUSINESS – EDWIN VARGAS

a. **Council Meeting Schedule**

- i. *December 14 at 6:45 p.m.:* Karla Cardenas, Rafael Gomez, Jennisa Casillas, Richard Aguilar, Metztli Mercado-Garcia, Bernardo Landin, Jennifer Centeno, Andrew Chavez, Walter Alvarez, Ioannis Panou, Christian Zamora, Angel Corona, Destiny Cornejo, Savanna Aguayo, Valerie Melendez, Jazmine Duque

- b. **Youth Leadership Annual Retreat** – The retreat will take place January 12-14, 2018. Permission forms were distributed to members, and are expected to be returned at the next meeting in January.

- c. **Youth Leadership Committee Adopt a Family** – Councilmember Zamora gave a description of the family that the Youth Leadership Committee will be adopting this holiday season. The committee will sponsor the Lake Center Middle School trip to Washington D.C. for one of the children in the family. All donations can be turned into Councilmember Zamora.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – The committee was given a brief update on the Hot Cocoa and a Holiday Movie Night event on December 14th in the Club.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – WAYNE BERGERON

- a. Youth Leadership Retreat Planning
- b. Youth Leadership Committee Wall Update
- c. Youth Leadership Committee Adopt a Family Recap

13. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS – RICHARD AGUILAR

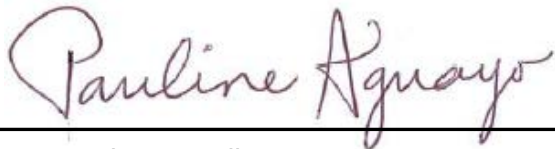
- A committee member discussed gift card donations.
- The committee set a date for the next collaborative meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

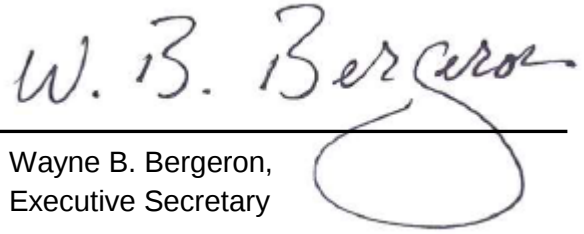
Chairperson Richard Aguilar adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 8, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Teen Lounge, Town Center Hall, 11740 E. Telegraph Rd.

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Prepared By: Pauline Aguayo
Administrative Clerk

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "W. B. Bergeron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'W' and a large 'B'. Below the signature is a large, empty oval shape.

Wayne B. Bergeron,
Executive Secretary