Following are the summary minutes from the Parks and Recreation Youth Board meeting held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at the Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1501 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

PARKS & RECREATION YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Katie Allbright
Emma Christiano
Jocelyn Contreras
Annalise Edwards
Elizabeth Furr
Esther Heerema
Jonathan Lee
Karen Melo
Miranda Romero

PARKS & RECREATION YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Cade Creason
Kaitlin Nicole Fitzherbert
Susannah Jozwiak
Nyasia Lambert-White
Tanner Nielsen
Sarah Rodriguez

OTHERS PRESENT:
Mark O’Neill
Cassie McClure, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Member
Ceci Vasconcellos, CLC/Community Outreach Marketing Coordinator
Claudia Chavez, Recreation Manager
Robert Nunez, Recreation Administrator
Martha Moreno, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Katie Allbright and recognized the meeting as having a legal quorum.

I. INTRODUCTIONS
Board members introduced themselves. Staff introduced themselves and stated their position.

II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST
No conflict of interest.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Katie: Advised the board there is a change that needs to be made to agenda before it is approved. Remove VII. New Business, B. Human Trafficking Awareness – Rachel Kenny. Ms. Kenny had to cancel due to class, possibility reschedule for next board meeting.

Karen: Moved to remove Item B. Human Trafficking Awareness, seconded by Jonathan. Motion carried unanimously.

Karen: Moved to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Jonathan. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Annalise: Moved to approve minutes for November 14, 2018 as presented, seconded by Jonathan. Motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Feminine Health Issues and Solutions (Update)

Katie: Elizabeth you were spearheading this project any other ideas?

Elizabeth: What we are proposing is to provide menstrual hygiene products in all the middle and high schools. Not sure what progress we have with Las Cruces Public School (LCPS).

Robert: Madam chair and board members, I reached out to LCPS and have not received a response, it has been a couple of months. This is going to be a process to get approved. There is an educational component, possibly speak with nurses at the school to educate the students. I will contact the administration office to sit up a meeting and discuss some of the options that we can pursue.

Katie: Best thing to do at this time is to set up a meeting with LCPS.

Elizabeth: Would like to refer to a committee.

Katie: Is there a motion to move Feminine Health Issues and Solutions to a committee?

Elizabeth: Moved to move Feminine Health Issues and Solutions to a committee, seconded by Annalise. Motion carried unanimously.

Katie: Elizabeth will lead the committee. Volunteered members: Annalise and Jocelyn.

B. Healthy Decisions and Education about Sex (Update)
Elizabeth: There is an approved program called OWL (Our Whole Lives) which educates on healthy decisions about relationships and sexuality. Not sure how we would incorporate into the schools. It might be something worth looking into.

Emma: If you give a presentation on Feminine Products could you incorporate Healthy Decisions and Education about Sex?

Robert: Madam chair and board members we discussed reaching out to different organizations: Department of Health, La Pinon, etc. organizations that could provide us educational information to disseminate to students. Possibly having an informational booth at the Farmers Market, Parks & Recreation event, or other event happening in the community.

Katie: We have several options, presenting a power point at the schools, having a booth at Farmers Market disseminating information. Any other ideas?

Karen: Motion to set up a presentation on Healthy Decisions and Education about Sex, seconded by Emma.

Annalise: I think we should move to create a committee for research to decide the best approach. Talk to administration and others on how to help us get there and provide the information.

Jonathan: I think we need to have health experts providing the information and we assist.

Katie: We discussed at the last meeting the board would put together the presentation and present the information because we fill the students would respond best to us.

Annalise: I don’t believe we have the qualifications to do a presentation and present to the schools on our own, they are not going to allow it without an adult. We need someone certified/ qualified and experienced to present. The board members will be of support.

Karen: Yes, we would have someone certified.

Jonathan: What I’m hearing is that we will have the health experts present and train us board members so we can assist.

Robert: I will contact LCPS administration in reference to these two (2) topics on how we can pursue in disseminating information to students.

Miranda: I feel it would be best to present out of school. With permission we can provide a flyer and announce at the schools of the event.

Karen: I withdraw the motion.

Annalise: Moved to refer Healthy Decisions and Education about Sex to a committee, seconded by Elizabeth. Motion carried unanimously.
Katie: Annalise will lead the committee. Volunteered members: Katie, Elizabeth, Jonathan and Karen.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Teen Chaos Collaboration Art Show – Claudia Chavez

Claudia: Madam chair and board members I'm her to present a flyer with date, place and time of event of the 5th year Teen Chaos Collaboration Art Show for 6th – 12th graders its open to all schools (public, charter, private, etc.) We encourage board members to participate / attend and assist in promoting event.

Robert: Madam chair and board members it is also advertised on the City of Las Cruces, Parks & Recreation Facebook page. I will forward this flyer through GroupMe.

Annalise: Have you contacted anybody at the schools? Will the art be available for purchase?

Claudia: Yes, we went through LCPS PIO marketing department and art teachers to advertise. You may purchase at the Art Show and it's between the artist and buyer.

B. Human Trafficking Awareness – Rachel Kenny

Cancelled will reschedule.

C. Time Wise Activities – Mark O’Neill

Mark: In your packet is a list T.W.A. Time-Wise Activities; Lessons for Life & Life Skills, Classes / Workshops. Planning a series of classes to be offered to 13 – 17-year-old in schools and 16 and up in the community. Looking into starting in the Fall coordinating with LCPS and City of Las Cruces. Classes will be held after school and Saturdays. I would like your input and ideas.

The following are ideas the board members provided:
- CPR class
- Internet Etiquette (email, communicate)
- Resume, Job Application, Interview, Cover Letter
- List of jobs / businesses available for teens to apply
- Self Defense
- What to do if you see someone following you
- What to do if your car breaks down
- Fix A Tire
- Conversational Spanish
- Present issues/current topics happening

Ceci: Madam Chair and board members you are familiar with Me Too Movement, do you think it causes confusion to what is acceptable, do you think it
causes confusion to the males as to what is appropriate how they act towards women. Would that be a good class?

Elizabeth: My opinion consent is not hard, but there are people consent is very difficult to understand and a hard thing to get through. Before you can take a course at NMSU you have to watch/listen to The Five Fingers PowerPoint Presentation on consent, they go through the basic rules of consent. If we offer a sexual education course, consent would be part of the course.

Emma: In 7th grade they had the students take a 10-week course with La Pinon.

Mark: Was it a good course and helpful? Did you have to get parent’s permission?

Annalise: It’s a helpful course, it teaches what a healthy relationship looks like and how to compromise with people. I was taking Health Care Occupation and it was part of the course.

Miranda: Even signs of a relationship, some of my friends and peers don’t realize they are being treated bad or they are treating someone badly. Sometimes they lose respect and boundaries. Then you have this prolong toxic relationship.

Mark: It’s important, some people go to the extreme (suicide) when they are going through a break-up.

Mark: If you have any questions, or like to provide additional information / ideas, please contact me through email. I will keep you posted with updates.

Robert: I will send your presentation through GroupMe to all board members.

D. Winter/Spring Community Services Events – Katie Albright

Katie: We dropped off the drive boxes at Community of Hope and volunteered at the soup kitchen. Robert and I talked about assisting monthly or bimonthly at the soup kitchen. Any ideas?

Annalise: Going to the soup kitchen, is a great idea.

Robert: Madam chair and board members we have our Keep Las Cruces Beautiful program which has a major event coming up in April that we can provide our services to the community. Also, any schools that might be having event we could also volunteer our time.

Mark: There is also CYFD (Children, Youth & Families Department) they do a big spring event at Young Park in April; I told them that I would present it to the board. The Coalition Against Bullying (CAB) is having a booth. We would love to have your help two (2) members for 2 hours, wear your bullying shirt. You might as a board want to do something, Mr. Salas is the contact person.
Robert: Madam chair and board members we have several events coming up; I will send you a schedule through GroupMe.

Mark: Could you add me to your GroupMe email list.

Katie: We have a couple of different options for opportunities: KLCB, CYFD, Signs of Suicide Event, at this time we will wait to get more information then we can act on participate.

E. Little Free Library – Annalise Edwards

Annalise: They look like mail boxes and are filled with books. There are eighteen (18) mail boxes that exist in various areas in Las Cruces. Would like for Youth Board Members to place and maintain a mail box. I have a sketch of what it would look like.

Robert: Madam chair and board members Parks & Recreation have two (2) mail boxes one at Meerscheidt Recreation Center and Frank O’Brien Papen Community Center.

Katie: What about downtown?

Annalise: The purpose of the Little Free Library is to take a book and leave a book if possible.

Katie: Another suggestion would be City Hall.

Ceci: Madam chair and board we have a lot of parents come in with kids at City Hall.

Robert: Madam chair and board members we would be able to fund the mail box. I will check with building services representative to see what we can do to place a mail box at City Hall lower level lobby area.

Katie: I know that the library and schools get rid of their used books, maybe they could give them to us to add to the mail box.

Karen: A suggestion would also be at the soup kitchen area.

VIII. STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS

Robert: Madam chair and board members I want to say “Thank You” for assisting at the annual Tree Lighting, collecting items for drive and volunteering at the soup kitchen.

Martha: Happy New Year!

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Jocelyn: Could we host an event and invite various organizations, have games, etc. in reference to Healthy Decisions and Education about Sex.
Robert: Yes, we can host an event; you would need to gather information such as where it would be held, date, time, invites, etc. from start to end.

Mark: If there is another event with the same topic, you might be able to tie it in, a thought.

Katie: Next meeting date is Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Katie: I will contact Rachel Kenney to reschedule.

X.   ADJOURNMENT

Jonathan: Moved to adjourn, seconded by Karen. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Chairperson [Signature] Date [3/20/19]