PARKS AND RECREATION YOUTH BOARD  
February 20, 2019

Following are the summary minutes from the Parks and Recreation Youth Board meeting held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at the Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1501 E. Hadley, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

PARKS & RECREATION YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Katie Alibright  
Jocelyn Contreras  
Cade Creason  
Annalise Edwards  
Kaitlin Nicole Fitzherbert  
Esther Heerema  
Nyasia Lambert-White  
Karen Melo

PARKS & RECREATION YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Emma Christiano  
Elizabeth Furr  
Susannah Jozwiak  
Jonathan Lee  
Tanner Nielsen  
Sarah Rodriguez  
Miranda Romero

OTHERS PRESENT:
Ceci Vasconcellos, CLC/Community Outreach Marketing Coordinator  
Phil Catanach, Recreation Services Administrator  
Sonya Delgado, Parks & Recreation Director  
Martha Moreno, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chair Katie Alibright 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. Suspend VII. New Business to next agenda A. Human Trafficking Awareness – Rachel Kenny. Ms. Kenny had to cancel
due to a medical emergency. B. Youth Opportunities, C. Public Transportation and D. Spring Special Event – Robert Nunez is out of the office.

Annalise: Moved to suspend VII. New Business A, B, C, and D to next agenda seconded by Nyasia. Motion carried unanimously.

Nyasia: Moved to approve the Agenda with its corrections, seconded by Annalise. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Esther: Elizabeth is both absent and present. Cade's name is switched his last name is first.

Katie: Elizabeth was present.

Annalise: Moved to approve minutes for January 16, 2019 with its corrections, seconded by Esther. Motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Feminine Health Issues and Solutions – Committee (Update)

Jocelyn: There is no update, we haven't discussed as a committee.

B. Healthy Decisions and Education about Sex – Committee (Update)

Annalise: I have a couple of updates. I have contacting different people for information. I emailed school board president Mr. Ed Frank, he sent me the district regulations for health education; have copies for board members. Section II outlines the basic what should be covered in the class. I scheduled a meeting and met with health teacher Ms. Medore, to discuss how she teaches health in her classroom and sexual health. There's a couple of things that I learned: Elementary focus on hygiene, good relationship, what happens if there is an accident how to call 911; Middle school focus on relationship and comprehensive sex ed usually covered in their PE or FAX class; and High School focus on relationship how to be assertive but not aggressive, sexuality, reproduction, STD, birth control, chewing tobacco, drugs and consent its more reproduction relationships not so much on safe sex. Contacting others to see how it is in their schools. Mayfield teaches face to face; other schools is done online. Students can be exempt from the class if they are not comfortable with it. I will contact Deputy superintendent and other groups that can assist with providing more information.
Phil: Madam chair and board members Picacho Middle School Health teacher
Ms. Barragan does a face to face class in depth.

C. Winter / Spring Community Services Events – (Update)

Katie: Robert has ideas.

Sonya: Madam chair is winter/spring events for you to provide services to the community or Parks & Recreation.

Katie: Both.

Katie: Looking at the minutes from last meeting page 5 line 44 Mr. Mark O’Neill brought up that CYFD has a spring event at Young Park in April. Would like for us to help 2 members for 2 hours. Mr. Salas is the contact person.

Sonya: Madam chair they do have a permit so we can get additional information for contact if that is something the board would like to do.

Katie: Is there any interest?

Members: Yes.

Katie: Could you get that information sent to me and I will send to the board?

Sonya: Absolutely.

Katie: We will check into the CYFD event in April.

D. Little Free Library – (Update)

Annalise: At the last meeting I presented the Little Free Library; we discussed in placing one at City Hall, Robert is contacting staff to see if it could be placed at City Hall, do not have an update at this time.

Katie: I will contact Robert for an update.

Sonya: Madam chair and members of the board we had a request for something very similar to happen at Klein Park which is downtown, received an email a week and half ago. We have had others come forward and request to place little libraries at our parks so people can take a book, leave a book. I’m assuming this is very similar, maybe the board can work with that group to put one at Klein Park, if that would be ok. The neighborhood organization really would like to get it done they just need some assistance. Our park staff have created those little libraries before, I can talk to them again and make this a joint effort if you would like unless you would still like to pursue going into City Hall, it’s entirely up to you.

Katie: Is it possible to volunteer our time and help them place theirs and us put ours together as a group?
Sonya: Absolutely, I will get with the park staff and park team to work on a schedule to get that done.

Karen: I know we also discussed placing one around the soup kitchen, around the mission area. It’s a suggestion.

Phil: Madam chair are you guys working through little libraries to build, use their name and be on their website?

Annalise: Yes, we will register through their website.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Suspended for next agenda.

A. Human Trafficking Awareness – Rachel Kenny
B. Youth Opportunities – Robert Nunez
C. Public Transportation – Robert Nunez
D. Spring Special Event – Robert Nunez

VIII. STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS

Ceci: I brought flyers on the Master Plan Survey, have all of you taken the survey, for those that haven’t please do so the deadline is February 28. Thank you.

Sonya: Madam chair and members of the board just to reiterate, please take the Master Plan Survey, have your friends and family take it. I would really like to know what this age group would like to see/need at our parks. You have provided information already and appreciate it.

Katie: When we submit our answers to the survey who gets that information?

Sonya: It goes to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan group which is HALFF associates out of Austin, TX. They will compile the information and give us a report monthly on how many individuals have taken the survey, age demographic, and what they are saying in general. As they write our chapters on the Master Plan, I will provide that information to this group and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. At the very end we will approve and present to City Council in June 2019.

Phil: Madam chair and board members a couple of reminders there is a Teen Chaos Collaboration Art Show this Friday at Frank O’Brien Papen Community Center and Saturday. They are having all kinds of activities: drumming, hands on graffiti, screen printing, etc. They have received over 80 pieces of art. A reception is being provided on Friday with music and snacks. Very cool event every year, if you get a chance check it out.

If you guys think of anybody you would like for us to bring to speak to you on any subject that would better this group let us know and we can look into it. Examples: Scholarship opportunities, how other operations work,
ENLACE, art, etc. Your time on the board is to build for yourself and the community.

Last thing; think of activities you might want to do or like to see for teens, we offer concerts, movies, activities, etc. There might be teen artist or bands that we might be able to bring in. You are doing some great stuff.

Katie: Is it too late to submit art?

Phil: Deadline was the 19th, they might still let you submit.

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Katie: Our next meeting is scheduled for March 20. We will have to check and see when spring break is for public, private and other schools. So please check as soon as possible and send me the dates so we can work around those dates.

Phil: Madam chair spring break for public schools is March 25 – 29.

Katie: That week is after the 20th. Right now, we will keep it March 20 at 5:30 p.m. held here Parks & Recreation Conference Room.

Annalise: The youth board is a year long term, right? I know around this time last year it was advertised, and the application process started soon after, what does that mean for us and how long will we be serving on the term?

Sonya: I do not remember how long your term is?

Katie: I believe it's annually.

Sonya: We will provide updated information on your next meeting date.

Jocelyn: What's a comment could it be an idea, could we go back to unfinished business?

Katie: Yes, to bring up ideas. Once a motion has been voted on you can't go back and vote on.

Jocelyn: What I have is a suggestion on Healthy Decisions and Education about Sex. CYFD is hosting an event in April; Mr. Mark O’Neill who is part of the Bullying Coalition mentioned that instead of hosting an event maybe we could set up a booth at an event already set up not sure how appropriate this would be for this event.

Annalise: I will do some more research on the event, contact who is in charge to see if this is something we could do. Also, we had discussed about working the event as a group would we be able to do both?

Katie: Yes, we could rotate in pairs.
Sonya: Madam chair Ceci verified the youth board member is for one year. We will give you an update at the next board meeting.

Katie: You can reapply, if you are interested, it’s definitely possible for you.

Katie: At the end of term Robert and I discussed possibly having a banquet, group gathering, just think about it. We could invite city staff and have a speaker. We will put it on the next meeting agenda.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Annalise: Moved to adjourn, seconded by Karen. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

[Signature] 3/20/19

Chairperson Date