



Rodarte Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 15, 2023
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

1. Call to Order:

Samantha DuVall called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm

2. Advisory Board Attendance: Darren Dunn, Samantha DuVall, Yvette Flores, Julie Jensen, Laura Jones, Emma Pena-McCleave and Daniel Reyez.

Staff: Brecken Arnold, Recreation Supervisor and Alex Reaves, Recreation Manager

Absentees: None

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a) Emma Pena-McCleave moved to approve the Wednesday, October 18, 2023, minutes. Julie Jensen seconded the motion, and the Advisory Board approved the Wednesday, October 18, 2023, minutes.
- b) Sam DuVall signed several outstanding minutes to be uploaded for the City Clerk's Office.

4. New Business:

- a) Diana Frick will be the Interim Culture, Parks, and Recreation Director for the time being and we will introduce her to the Board when she is in attendance.
- b) Active Adult Center Supervisor introduction and discussion of collaboration with the two Rodarte Community Center senior groups.
- c) Alex Reaves, Recreation Manager announced his resignation from his position. His last day of work will be on Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

5. Old Business:

Programs:

Boxing-

- 2022: 32 youth and 2 adults
- 2023: 25 youth and 1 adult

- Details: Giovanni Plasencia and Jack Poland won at Silver Gloves in October, so they will advance to regionals in California in January 2024. If they win at regionals, they will go to nationals in Missouri.

2023-2024 After School Program-

- Numbers:
Anna Gimmestad Community Center:
 - 2022-47/50
 - 2023-50/50
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 Rodarte Community Center:
 - 2022-103/140
 - 2023-131/140
- Details:
 - Open for fall break Monday-Wednesday from 7:45 am-5:15 pm. Closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving for staff to spend time with their families.
 - Average daily attendance of 85 youth per day.
 - Continuation of highest average daily attendance and registered numbers since the inception of the After School Program in 2008.

“Play on the Way”-

- Completed fall schedule.
- Attended Dios Rios “Wellness Fair” on Thursday, November 9, 2023
- On hold until spring with Recreation Coordinator on maternity leave and reassigned responsibilities.

Staff:

- Recreation Coordinator II’s reassignment for the next 6 months with Dominique going on maternity leave in December and with our CDL licensing dilemma.
- Professional Development for this month includes a 2-day affective needs conference through the University of Colorado on Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17. This two-day hybrid conference will focus on positive behavior interventions, identifying the seven stages of the cycle of aggression and how to best respond and pitfalls that can make an intervention ineffective.

Facilities:

- Community Garden: We included the Community Garden into the pumpkin carving and Dia de los Muertos events this year. I closed out the On Common Ground Grant last week and submitted all necessary documentation. We will work with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado in the spring for planting and educational classes.
- Anna Gimmestad Community Center feasibility study update.

Special Events recap and upcoming events:

- Pumpkin carving was on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, from 4:00-6:00 pm at Anna and Rodarte Community Centers. We carved 103 pumpkins with some amazing volunteers!
- The Halloween Trunk-or-Treat and announcement of carving contest winners was on Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Rodarte Community Center. We had to move the event into the gymnasium due to the weather. We had 86 Trick-or-Treaters attend Halloween events.
- Dia de los Muertos was on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Rodarte Community Center. We had over 600 attendees come through our doors who received a meal, decorated sugar skulls, viewed community alters, “crossed over” into the land of memories (Community Garden), listened to a band and watched LULAC dancers perform.
- Thanksgiving meal for after school program participants and their families will be on Friday, November 17th starting at 4:00 pm in the Rodarte Community Center gymnasium. I need volunteers to help serve the meal again this year!
- The Greeley Youth Commission is working on a cold weather clothing drive through the end of December. Clothing items will be handed out at the Community Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 10:00 am-1:00 pm.
- Community Christmas Party wrapping dates are as follows: Tuesday, November 28 from 6:00-8:00 pm; Wednesday, November 29 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm; Thursday, November 30 from 6:00-8:00 om; Tuesday, December 5 from 6:00-8:00 pm; Wednesday, December 6 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm and Thursday, December 7 from 6:00-8:00 pm.
- The 34th annual Community Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. I need some volunteers to play Santa and Mrs. Claus again.

Goals:

Short Term (1-3 years)

- Comply with the State of Colorado and Weld County for childcare licensing by understanding rules, regulations, and policies by passing annual inspections.
- Secure sustainable partnerships for mental health programming through Northrange Behavioral Health.
- Offer additional special events in collaboration with Funplex for multi-location holiday offerings.
- Acquire property across the street to build a community garden and outdoor classroom, in collaboration with Al Frente de Lucha and Parks Division.

- Secure funding and build an outdoor basketball court on the south side of the Rodarte Community Center in collaboration with the Parks Division.
- Apply for funding to help supplement a new facility at Anna Gimmestad Community Center. Get initial commitment and support from the city.
- Secure a sponsor for the boxing program that commits every year to at least \$5,000.00.

Long Term (5-10 Years)

- Vision of collaboration of Boys and Girls Club that covers the north, east, west, south, and central Greeley with quality out-of-school time programming.
- Complete a new facility with outdoor physical activity spaces for the Anna Gimmestad Community Center.
- Gymnasium upgrades-flooring, scoreboards, and volleyball nets.

6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a) Programming
- b) Facilities
- c) Special Events

7. Next Meeting Date and Location:

Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at Rodarte Community Center from 5:15-6:15pm

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm

Secretary-Brecken Arnold

Chair-Samantha DuVall