



Rodarte Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 20, 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 Daniel Lawrence, Recreation Division Manager

Absentees: None

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a) Emma Pena-McCleave moved to approve the Wednesday, November 15, 2023, minutes. Darren Dunn seconded the motion, and the Advisory Board approved the Wednesday, November 15, 2023, minutes.

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.

5. Old Business:

Programs:

Boxing-

- 2022: 26 youth and 5 adults
- 2023: 21 youth and 1 adult
- Details: Giovanni Plasencia and Jack Poland are advancing to regionals in California on January 4, 2024.
- The Board will work together to get bags for the trip with their names and club on it.

2023-2024 After School Program-

- Numbers:

Anna Gimmestad Community Center:

- 2022-47/50
- 2023-50/50

Rodarte Community Center:

- 2022-106/140
- 2023-139/140

▪ Details:

- The After School Program Christmas Party was on Friday, December 15, 2023, from 4:30-6:30 pm. A generous donor bought Christmas presents for all 189 kids and Santa made an appearance to pass them out.
- We will be open for winter break starting on Thursday, December 21, 2023-Monday, January 8, 2024. We will be closed Monday, December 25, 2023; Tuesday, December 26, 2023, and Monday, January 1, 2024.
- Average daily attendance for November is 81 students per day.

“Play on the Way”-

- On hold until spring with one Recreation Coordinator on maternity leave and reassigned responsibilities.

Staff:

- Dominique Padilla will be on maternity leave January-March 2024. Her various responsibilities will fall on Nohemi Valencia and Brecken Arnold.
- Professional Development for this month is Social and Emotional Health and Development on PDIS (Professional Development Information System.)

Facilities:

- Community Garden:
 - New curbs and sidewalks are currently being installed.
 - Grant reporting is closed out, but I will have to attend a conference in 2024 with details TBA.
- Anna Gimmestad Community Center feasibility study update:
 - Community meeting will be on Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Special Events recap and upcoming events:

- The Thanksgiving meal for after school program participants and their families occurred on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 4:00 pm in the Rodarte Community Center gymnasium. We had a great turnout and a special thank you to Daniel Reyez, Emma Pena-McCleave, Sam DuVall and their families for serving!

- The Greeley Youth Commission had another successful cold weather clothing drive. Clothing items were handed out at the Community Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 10:00 am-1:00 pm.
- The 34th annual Community Christmas Party was on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. 1,720 people came through our doors and 1,235 presents were handed out.
- We have completed the 2024 Teen Night Out calendar with various recreational facilities hosting the event. The first one of the year will be at the Rodarte Community Center on Friday, February 16, 2023, from 5:00-8:00 pm.

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 and recreational facilities 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.

Other: The Board also had a discussion with Daniel Lawrence about being involved in the Recreation Manager hiring process and transparency of the process.

6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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

7. Next Meeting Date and Location:

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at Rodarte Community Center from 5:15-6:15pm

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm

Secretary-Brecken Arnold

Chair-Samantha DuVall