



**ARIZONA PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION
ETHNIC LEADERSHIP BRANCH
January 19, 2007**

- I. Call to Order / Welcome – 11:11 am
- II. Attendance: Cynthia Aguilar, Randy Babchuk, Augie Perez, Juan F. Rodriguez, Ken Vonderscher, Jeff Spellman, Christine Diaz, Paul Newell, Emma Martinez, Eddie Villa, Lani Auwen
- III. Secretary's Report: Augie Perez provided meeting minutes for November 3, 2006. Jan Rodriguez motioned to accept the November 3, 2006 meeting minutes; Lani Auwen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No report; to be tabled to the next meeting.
- IV. Past Chair Juan Rodriguez talked about conducting a Careers in Parks/Recreation presentation on January 23, 2007 from 12pm -1pm at the Phoenix College. It will be a series of presentations on how to get your Associate's and Bachelor's degrees in the field of recreation administration or related fields. The next presentation will possibly be at Scottsdale College. TBA
- V. Chair's Report: Alonso Avitia was not present and Vice Chair Cynthia Aguilar provided an update on the following.
 - ELB Branch 2005/06 Awards – Vice Chair Cynthia Aguilar thanked everyone who attended and congratulated the award recipients. A special thanks went out to Lani Auwen for providing decorations for the event.
 - Comfort Program – Past Chair Juan Rodriguez continued to urge members to get involve. He is still seeking more volunteers and donations to this worthy program. He thanked the ELB board for their contribution of \$300.00 to the program
 - Web Page Update – Randy Babchuk and Lani Auwen reported that the web page is coming along and is still requiring some bios and pictures. A brief demonstration was presented to those in attendance. More information will be added as needed.
 - 2007 ELB Golf Tournament – Past Chair Juan Rodriguez provided a brief history of past fundraisers and proposed that this golf tournament replace the 4th of the July fundraiser. He also added that the event be conducted as a larger scale event. It should include sponsorships, donations and interest from local businesses. The event can be done the second weekend in May; possibly the 5th or 13th. The event will require plenty of volunteers. If conducted and successful, this can lead to potential satellite sites, i.e. Tucson and other cities.
- VI. New Business:
 - 2007 Maintenance Workshop – Past Chair Juan Rodriguez led the discussion and provided information about last year's workshop and how the cost was financially friendly for those who attended. ELB wants to continue this pattern and also partner with the Maintenance Branch for future events. Normally the workshop is done in January but due to timing will have to be pushed towards a Spring date in March. The next step would be to develop a subcommittee group to

talk about topics and plan the entire event. Chair Alonso Avitia will need to send out invites to start conversations and planning.

- Ethnic Target Meeting – Lani Auwen attended the Asian Expo and promoted parks and recreation to the Asian population in hopes of creating interests and awareness. She will be attending the next expo.

VII. Next meeting – February 2, 2007, (Location TBA), Eddie Villa will look at Cesar Chavez Library as a possible location.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Motion: Christine Diaz; Seconded: Juan F. Rodriguez