



**ARIZONA PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION  
ETHNIC LEADERSHIP BRANCH  
February 9, 2007  
Cesar Chavez Library**

- I. Call to Order / Welcome – 11:10 am
- II. Attendance: Alonso Avitia, Cynthia Aguilar, Randy Babchuk, Augie Perez, Juan Casper Habre, Eddie Villa, Sherilyn-Dean Mason, Jermel Stevenson
- III. Secretary's Report: Augie Perez provided meeting minutes for January 19, 2007. Juan Casper Habre motioned to accept the January 19, 2007 meeting minutes; Eddie Villa seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: No report; to be tabled to the next meeting. Chair Alonso Avitia commented that there has been no change to the amount.
- V. Chair Alonso Avitia thanked Eddie Villa for hosting the ELB meeting at Cesar Chavez Library.
- VI. Dodge Ball Tournament: Vice Chair Cynthia Aguilar talked about APRA conducting a tourney for the rest of the branches to participate in and socialize with one another. Clarifications need to be made on the date. The tourney is scheduled for Thursday, March 22. Vice Chair Cynthia Aguilar will send out an e-mail to everyone.
- VII. Chair's Report: Alonso Avitia provided an update on the following.
  - Le Grande Tour: The event will take place on March 3, 2007. He briefly gave out general information about the event for those interested in volunteering.
  - Conference Education Committee: He talked about the APRA conference and that APRA is currently seeking assistance from the branches on providing presenters/guest speakers with the possibility of each branch sponsoring their own presenter. Chair Avitia presently mentioned that at this time ELB is not financially stable to provide such funds to APRA. Member Casper Habre recommended that the ELB Branch submit presenters and support the conference. Member Eddie Villa supported the idea and believes it is a step in the right direction. Member Casper Habre agreed to do a presentation for the APRA conference. Chair Alonso Avitia will forward information to him.
  - Maintenance Workshop: He mentioned that meetings were done and ELB members met with the Park Supervisors. The goal is to revitalize the Maintenance Branch in hopes of them taking the lead in the future and ELB be the supporter. Another goal is to approach the Deputy Directors to support with monetary funds. In addition, look at possible vendors/ sponsors as supporters for next year's workshop. The event is geared to providing a service and not be money driven. The event is tentatively scheduled at PAB from 6:30am to 1:00pm on Friday, April 13. The fee will be \$20.00 / \$25.00 at the door. This a slight increase from last year's event. ELB will be seeking 13 to 15 volunteers to assist with the workshop. A planning committee has been developed. Secretary Augie Perez motioned to accept the date and new fee for the Maintenance workshop; Casper Habre seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- 2007 ELB Golf Tournament (May 12 or May 19) General talks have begun. Chair Alonso Avitia spoke to Diane Escobedo to confirm dates and location. More information to come at the next meeting.
- VIII. New Business: Possible recognition to members Eddie Villa and Esther Avila from South Mountain/ Laveen Chamber of Commerce. As part of Black History month, member Sherilyn-Dean Mason invited everyone to come out and see her group perform at Barcelona Middle School on February 27, 2007 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Member Randy Babchuk reminded everyone that he still needed some bios and to please get them in as soon as possible. He also mentioned that he is looking to link the ELB webpage to APRA.
- IX. Next meeting – March 2, 2007, Central Park, 145 E. Tonto St., Phoenix, AZ
- X. Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 a.m. Motion: Casper Hasbre; Seconded: Jermel Stevenson