

City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Department
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Held at:

San Ysidro Community Activity Center
179 Diza Road
San Ysidro, CA 92173

Mailing Address is:

179 Diza Road
San Ysidro, CA 92173

Members Present:

Martin Ortega
Consuelo Delgadillo
Rosa Ruesga
Juan Lopez

City Staff:

Francisco Castruita, Area Manager
Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director
Jackie Hernandez, Asst. Recreation Center Director
Mari Jo Ricanor Recreation Center Director
Carlos Lacarra, Community Relations, SDPD
Gerardo Ramirez, Representative, Council District 8

Members Absent:

David Guerrero
Felipe Muro
Ricky Duran

Guests Present:

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Martin Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Introductions were made around the table for those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 12, 2023, MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved /seconded (R. Ruesga/ C. Delgadillo) to accept the minutes as presented with the following corrections: Juan Lopez was not listed under ‘Members Absent’ in the October 9, 2023 minutes.
The motion carried with 2 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP:

None

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE:

None

COMMUNICATIONS: (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable)

Members discussed with everyone present, the idea of holding ‘Zoom’ meetings instead of in person. Staff will inquire with management and report at next meeting.

CITY OF SAN DIEGO MAYOR’S REPORT:

None

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:

- Gerardo introduced Giancarlo Lopez as the new Council District 8 Representative for San Ysidro.
- A Community Dumpster event to offload unwanted items not including hazmat materials takes place on November 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Location is at 125 Cypress Drive. This is a joint event between CD8 and Casa Familiar.
- Low-Cost Vet Clinic Services are taking place behind La Mirada Elementary School on December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), offered by U.S. Federal Communications Commission will offer discounted internet for low-income eligible households, including housing on Tribal lands. Information can be viewed at www.fcc.gov/acp.
- Water Bill Assistance is available for individuals that qualify through the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). Families that reside in the 92173-zip code qualify. To apply contact (619) 391-9790 or visit csd.ca.gov for more information.
- 23rd Annual Teddy Bear 4 Kids event will take place on December 8 at the San Ysidro Middle School from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the San Ysidro’s Women’s Club. They will be providing 1500 bears to giveaway at the event.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

- Statistics show there has been an increase in shoplifting incidents at Las Americas Shopping Outlets. Vehicle break-ins in parking lots have also increased. Please don’t have any valuables left in view in your car. Place them in the trunk if you plan on shopping for long periods of time.
- There has been an increase of police presence this month at the shopping areas.
- There has been a decrease in police recruits in the academy. The goal is to have 50 recruits in each academy.
- The public should use the ‘Get it Done’ app on their smartphones when they encounter any incidents that need police assistance such as homeless encampments, graffiti, vandalism, and abandoned vehicles.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

None

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Robert Lara will email the most recent financial RCF Budget to Actuals report to everyone.

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:

None

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

None

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

Consuelo Delgadillo of ‘Helping Hands Working Together’ reported the following:

- Asked staff when does the San Ysidro Planning group meet. Can staff inquire and report at the next meeting.
- Beyer Park start date of construction. Can staff inquire and give an update at the next meeting.
- Gave an update of their organization’s food distribution numbers serving over 400 people at locations at Mount Carmel Church, Las Americas Outlets, and the Community Center on San Ysidro Boulevard.

- 'Hearts and Hands' will be passing out presents at an event being held on December 8. Barona also donated 200-300 gift cards for the event.

Juan Lopez of A.I.C.I. reported the following:

- The security lights in the parking lot of the Senior Center are not bright enough. When Senior activities have ended, and Seniors walk to their cars, its often in the dark.
- The lights at the Tennis Court nearby have the same issue.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Francisco Castruita reported the following:

- Belinda Meza Fimbres has been promoted to Recreation Center Director III and will be overseeing operations at Robert Egger South Bay Recreation Center. Jackie Hernandez will be working an out of class assignment as the Recreation Center Director at the San Ysidro Teen Center until the vacancy is filled.
- Turf at the San Ysidro Community Park has been restored. After heavy public use, staff restored the area fertilizing and watering. Restoring the turf to useable condition.
- Staff discovered a stolen vehicle parked at Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park. SDPD were contacted and took possession of the vehicle.
- All recreation centers will be closed on November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Tom Blea, Grounds Maintenance Worker II who has worked 20 plus years with the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department will be retiring at the end of this month.
- The basketball court at Vista Pacifica Neighborhood Park has been recently painted. This project was well received by the community.

Recreation Center Director Mari Jo Ricanor reported the following for Cesar Chavez Community Center:

- 500 people attended the Halloween Carnival that took place outside on October 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Youth Flag Football and Teen Volleyball leagues are currently running. Teams are doing well.
- Toys for Tots registration ends November 14. Currently, staff has registered 240 kids.
- Turkey Trot event will take place outside on Field 1 on November 21. Race event will be from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Santa's Workshop will take place inside the gym on December 21 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The Park Ambassador program will end on November 15. We have 2 park ambassadors. One is a recreation intern and the other is a management intern working at Cesar Chavez.
- The Community Carnival will take place at Larsen Field from February 22 to 25. The carnival is put on by Paul Mauer Shows. It was a success last year for its' first time coming to San Ysidro and was well received by those who attended.

Recreation Center Director Robert Lara reported the following for San Ysidro Community Activity Center:

- SYCAC had a total of 3 flag football and 2 volleyball teams with a total 49 participants.
- Our Annual Fall Festival was well attended with over 200 people in attendance. Our dance program performed a 20-minute routine. The event had a face painter, fiesta bar (tostilocos and ice cream) and coffee cart donated by Omar Araiza.
- Staff registered 30 families with a total of 70 kids ages 14 and under for the 2023 Toys for Tots program.
- We have 3 student interns and 1 Recreation Aide that will be graduating from the San Diego Parks Ambassador Program this Wednesday, December 11.
- Due to the game room being painted, the turkey bingo event will be held on Monday, November 20. The event will start at 5:30 p.m.

- All City of San Diego facilities will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

Staff from each site presented their budget plan to everyone and reported expenditures for the 2024 year. Staff answered any questions regarding their RCF budget.

- FY 2024 RCF Budgets (Cesar Chavez CC, San Ysidro CAC, and San Ysidro TC)
- FY 2024 Opportunity Fund Budget Proposals (Cesar Chavez CC, San Ysidro CAC, and San Ysidro TC)

MOTION: It was moved /seconded (C. Delgadillo/J. Lopez) to accept the RCF and OFP as presented. The motion carried with 2 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Martin Ortega adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday February 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
San Ysidro Community Activity Center
179 Diza Road, San Ysidro, CA 92173
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Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

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Recreation Center Director

Francisco Castruita
Area Manager

Martin Ortega
Chairperson