

**La Jolla Community Recreation Group**  
**La Jolla Recreation Center, 615 Prospect Street, La Jolla, CA 92037**

**MINUTES**  
**July 28, 2021**

**Call to order:** Coakley Munk, 5:06 p.m.

**Present:** Pat Miller, Jan Harris, Jon Wiggins, Karen Wiggins, Mary Coakley Munk, Jill Peters, Alan Dulgeroff, Alexis McCandless

**Absent:** Gail Forbes, Lizzete Fitz Cluster, Don Goertz

**Staff:** Jesse DeLille, Quinlan Olds, Rosalia Castruita, Salome Martinez

**Guests:** Steve Hadley, Elisabeth Frausto

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the REVISED (distributed earlier) June 23 minutes: moved Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Wiggins. Unanimous approval.

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:** None.

**Requests for Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda:** None.

**Requests for Continuance:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Council District One Report:** Hadley reported that they are working together with the Department of Parks and Recreation to get written documentation from the City staff, and the City Attorney if necessary, showing the ownership underneath Cuvier Street (between the Recreation Center and Bishop's School). This documentation is needed for the LJ Community Planning Association deliberations regarding vacation of Cuvier Street, in conjunction with planning for playground renovations. Hadley also thanked Quinlan Olds for letting him go into the building to use the wi-fi for zoom meetings (now that the Rec Center is being used more, it is very noisy outside).

**Chairperson's Report:**

- Munk asked for opinions about returning to meeting in person inside the Rec Center. Dulgeroff said that it is too soon to go back to meeting in person inside (due to the rise

of the Delta variant), but he thinks it would be good to plan something outdoors to “build bonds” among the CRG members. Others agreed with this. Peters suggested that our first “bonding event” could be a bocce ball lesson. Harris suggested that we plan a small yearly social event for potential new CRG members to learn about what we do; this could be done in conjunction with one of the CRG “bonding events” each year. The first one could have a post-pandemic “welcome back to the Rec Center” theme.

- At the last meeting, Munk asked CRG members to think about their aspirations for the Rec Center in the future, and several people expressed their ideas. J. Wiggins asked if there is any programming for teens. DeLille said that teen programming is challenging because they have a wide array of options for activities around town, compared with younger children. He is trying to get a disc jockey camp organized, which would probably be popular. Harris said that teens are often interested in “tech-y things,” and a major problem is that the Rec Center isn’t equipped to provide e-tech programming. Wiggins mentioned “game trucks” (that can be rented for about \$500-600 per night, according to Castruita). These come equipped with a variety of computer games, and the only need is for a parking area for the truck.

#### **Group Member Comments:**

- **SDPR Master Plan:** Forbes was absent, so this is continued to the next meeting. DeLille commented that the main goal is equity—making sure that everyone in San Diego has equal access to a park. Munk commented that according to Diane Kane, the Master Plan doesn’t seem to devote much attention to beaches and the shoreline. The whole City, an indeed many visitors from across the country and international locations use our beaches and shoreline, so the Master Plan should address this adequately. She added that she of course agrees with the need for equity in access to parks across the City.

#### **Parks and Recreation Staff Reports:**

- **Rosalia Castruita**
  - There is no update on re-opening.
  - The trees have been trimmed at Starkey and Via del Norte parks.
  - The joint use between Bird Rock Elementary School and Parks and Recreation, regarding outside areas, is moving forward.

- **Jesse DeLille**

- Financial report:
  - \$7,568 income
  - \$1,888 expenditures
  - \$5,680 net gain for the report period at end of June
  - Total in account is now \$34,867.96

The account is budgeted to spend about 41% on programs, 48% on special events, and 11% on contingency plans.

- **Quinlan Olds**

- Summer activities:
  - \*\*\*\*Peewee sports (age 4-6): attendance was 12 in first session, and 12 in current session.
  - \*\*\*\*Sports fundamentals (age 7-9): 4 are registered for upcoming session.
  - \*\*\*\*Virtual art class
  - \*\*\*\*Movies in the Park – this weekend: jumpies, arts/crafts, snack bar, movie at sunset.
- Munk reported that Vito continues to prep the bocce ball court, and he is teaching people how to play. DeLille said that they are usually at the court in the late afternoon.

- **Salome Martinez**

- She is the new district manager, replacing Marilyn Stern who retired some months ago.
- She spent about 10 years in the role of director of La Jolla Rec Center, and she is very pleased to be working with us again.

**Information Items:** None.

**Action Items:**

- It was moved to postpone the election of CRG officers to the next meeting. Moved Harris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peters. Unanimous approval.

**Workshop:**

- LJRC Playground/Marketing Visioning Committee: Peters reported that they are continuing to work on many aspects of the project, including design of the building interior, how the back of the building relates to the playground, and design of the playground itself. They are making good progress

**Adjournment:** 6:06 p.m.

**There is no meeting in August.**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, September 22, 5:00 p.m.**