

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

**MINUTES -- REVISED**  
**October 27, 2021**

**Call to Order:** 5:05 p.m., Coakley Munk

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

**Absent:** Don Goertz, Lizzet Fitz Cluster

**Staff:** Jesse DeLille, Rosalia Castruita

**Guests:** Steve Hadley, Elisabeth Frausto

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the September 22 minutes: moved, Wiggins; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Miller. Unanimous approval, with 2 abstentions.

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

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

**Request for Continuance:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Council District One Report:** Hadley reported that the matter of the vacation of a portion of Cuvier Street will be on the November 4 La Jolla Community Planning Association Agenda. Also, a “sidewalk ordinance” that conforms to a State law that was passed in 2018 will be coming before the City Council on December 14. This revised ordinance will probably have implications for rules governing vendors in community recreation areas. He will provide more details as they become available.
- **Chairperson’s Report:** Coakley Munk announced that the La Jolla Shores MAP recently received an Orchid Award at a meeting of the San Diego Architectural Foundation.

### **Group Member Comments:**

- Forbes reported that there is an interesting small park area at the corner of Park and Market streets in downtown San Diego. It would be interesting to visit to learn about possibilities for small parks.
- Forbes mentioned that Starkey Park (between Draper Street and the bike path) was mentioned in a recent SD Union-Tribune article about Parks and Recreation infrastructure, as a small park that needs attention. Perhaps we can help to get it back on its feet.
- Forbes initiated a discussion of holiday plans at LJ Recreation Center. The Rec Center is NOT included in the LJ Christmas Parade plans this year. The Parade is on December 5. Do we want the big tree decorated (it was last decorated 3 years ago)? Lights along the Rec Center building? Wreaths from Lizzete? Blow-up figures such as Snoopy, Santa, snowman? The possibility was mentioned of leaving lights on the big tree all year (saves expense of taking them down). Castruita would need to check on liability issues connected with leaving them up all year. Coakley Munk hopes that by next year we can have a major presence in the Christmas Parade again—we should start planning for this in February.

Motion: Support the Rec Center staff in their efforts to complete decorations for the holidays. Moved, Forbes; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Harris. Unanimous approval with one abstention.

Forbes will head a committee to assist the Rec Center staff (members will include J. Wiggins, K. Wiggins, Peters; others are welcome to join).

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

- **Rosalia Castruita:**
  - (1) There will be some changes occurring soon at LJ Rec Center. Jesse DeLille got promoted and will become Director of Canyonside Community Park. Shane Masek also got promoted and will become Center Director at Allied Gardens. The new Director for La Jolla Recreation Center has already been appointed: Nicholas Volpe. He has been a part-time recreation leader at Pacific Beach Recreation Center, and at the same time had a full-time job with the Navy. He will be at our next CRG meeting. A new assistant recreation director for La Jolla has not yet been appointed, but Castruita hopes this happens soon. The two staff members who will remain at La Jolla are Brittany Mitchell and Quinlan Olds.
  - (2) There was a clean-up at Starkey Park on October 23.
  - (3) Trace Wilson, Debbie Adams, and Rosalia Castruita met at the Via del Norte Park to discuss maintenance issues.

(4) The Parks and Recreation General Development Plan (GDP) is still in process, and Castruita doesn't have any new information about it.

- **Jesse DeLille**

(1) Halloween: On October 23 there was a Halloween event at the Rec Center—haunted tunnel, goodie bags, arts and crafts.

(2) Christmas: On December 10 there will be a Holiday event at the Rec Center: movie in the park (starts at about 5:15 p.m.); jumpies, face painting (start at about 3:00 p.m.).

(3) Financial report, as of the period ending October 22:

Made \$4,963

Spent \$2,853

Money remaining: \$2,109

TOTAL CASH ON HAND: \$37,058.09

(4) Pickle Ball—This continues to grow. There are usually 3 courts going on weekday mornings. Some nets belong to the players, and some are checked out from the Rec Center.

(5) Programs/Classes

- Pee Wee Sports—at capacity with 12 youngsters. They cannot start a second class at the moment because of staff limitations.
- Sports Fundamentals—currently has 6 young people enrolled.
- Art/Crafts—currently at 3 young people enrolled.

(6) In response to a question from Frausto about outdoor umbrellas, DeLille said that on sunny days when people might want shade, they put out umbrellas.

#### **Action Items:**

#### **Election of CRG Officers**

Forbes commented that the City has not finalized a new framework that we would need in order to revise our by-laws. So our old by-laws are in “limbo” at this point. It doesn't make much sense to elect new officers using old by-laws.

Motion to table CRG elections until the City supplies us with a framework to revise our by-laws.

Moved, J. Wiggins; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Forbes. Unanimous approval with one abstention.

#### **Approval of FY 2023 La Jolla Recreation Center Budget**

DeLille presented the details of expenditures expected for FY 2023. These total \$21,234 (equal to their income in 2019). There is currently cash on hand totaling \$37,058.09, so the FY 2023 budget is quite conservative.

Motion to approve the FY 2023 budget; Moved, Dulgeroff; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Forbes. Unanimous approval with one abstention.

**Workshop:** Nothing to report from the Visioning Committee.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Motion to hold this meeting on Wednesday, November 17. Moved, Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Forbes.  
Unanimous approval with one abstention.

**Adjournment:** 6:24 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING – ONE WEEK EARLY: Wednesday, November 17**