# CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT POINT LOMA COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP

## Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 5:00pm

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Martha Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:01pm

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson: Martha Phillips

Vice-Chair: Bill Klees Summer Concerts in the Park
Secretary: Mike Moser Point Loma/Cabrillo Tennis Club

Members: Mary Harder Member at Large

Don Sevrens Member at Large
Jason Donlon Surf Soccer (Absent)
Allison Leitz Point Loma Little League

Staff: Melissa Carver Assistant Center Director

Guests: Mandy Havlik

Korla Eaquinta

## APPROVAL OF THE November 14, 2019 and January 9, 2020 MINUTES:

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (B.Klees/M.Harder) to approve the January 14, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously [5|0|0].

#### **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Mandy Havlik asked to speak to inform the group about the election for the Community Planning Board on March 18th. Due to the pandemic the city has allowed the board to have a ballot box at. Further details on planning board website. Mandy also wanted to announce she is running as a candidate for her second term as she has shown strong leadership when speaking up for her community. Bill asked how many openings and how many running. There are 11 openings and 16 candidates running.
- Mary Harder states that there has been no change to the pocket park as far as clearing the weeds.
- Korla is asking for the two pocket parks to be watered more frequently as they seem quite dry in recent weeks. Melissa said she will stay on top of Jose our maintenance worker to water them weekly.

#### REOUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

#### **REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE:**

None.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- San Diego Parks Foundation Martha stated that the foundation has been rbusy working with the Parks & Recreation dept. to get outdoor programming back in place. It is her understanding that once the county is in the Red tier that not only will outdoor programming will be able to happen; but recreation centers will be able to happen at a 10% capacity. As we move further into different tiers recreation centers will be able to open at a larger capacity.
- Point Loma/Cabrillo Tennis Club No report
- **Point Loma Little League** Allison reported that they are excited to have games start on March 20<sup>th</sup>. they have received a ton of positive feedback since their assessments. They are excited to have players back on the field. They want to know when they can have spectators again and when they can operate the snack shack again.
- **Surf Soccer** No Report.

#### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

No Report.

#### **BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:**

- Martha Phillips gave an update on the works of the San Diego Parks Foundation. San Diego parks foundation has raised \$500,000 in their first two years to support projects for the city's parks and recreation department. In addition, they have also planted 327 trees at 9 different parks, obtained wi-fi for 25 different recreation centers and are renovating the San Ysidro library into a center that will benefit both seniors and teens.
- Don reported that a group called PAARC made multiple presentations to park and rec. boards. He also reported that the Pocket park has a tentative name against community will even though it seems premature to name it at this time. It is ready to go to bid but city is stating there isn't any money in the budget. Don has been trying to reach Deputy Director Bruce Martinez and District Manager Steve Pall for more information.
  - Don states he has an issue with the park master plan and that it wasn't presented to any advisory groups. Martha stated that there was a City Council meeting in which patrons could make a comment.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

• Melissa Carver stated that the recreation center is still closed and there is no reopening date at this time but having weekly meetings and hopeful for the coming months. The only activities that are currently able to obtain a permit for park use are youth sports, fitness, and church/religious services.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

# **101.** How the last year has gone with regards to closing/opening our parks in Point Loma: Presenter: Melissa Carver, Assistant Center Director

- When everything shut down last year in March many parks and rec. staff were sent to work essential sites and duties such as assisting with the Homeless shelter and doing park monitoring at major park including ours.
- Been tough to keep citizens out of parks when our job has been to welcome them in.
- Slowly started to reopen the parks, then parking lots and now the park is fully open for passive use with COVID limitations.
- We are eager to start conducting outdoor programs again, but an issue is staffing for both programs and opening our recreation centers as a whole.
  - Martha asked if positions are open and Melissa answered that rec. leader positions have not yet been posted.

#### 102. What is currently allowed to be permitted at city parks:

Presenter: Melissa Carver, Assistant Center Director

- As our parks started to reopen, we were happy to welcome patrons back into our park and eventually be able to start permit youth sports, religious organizations, and any other categories defined within the Executive Order.
- Most recently, we are now able to start permitting adult leagues and allow youth sports to conduct games without spectators

#### 103. <u>Community compliments received:</u>

- Presenter: Melissa Carver, Assistant Center Director
- Melissa presented that she has simply gotten to know the families and patrons that make use of the field here at the rec. center and have received verbal compliments.
- Martha said she is going to give Melissa a formal compliment and said that her outgoing attitude, attention to detail and willingness is fabulous.

#### 104. Picnic Benches at Point Loma Park:

- Martha noted that they were purchased with rec. center funds and were supposed to only be used during PLLL season and Summer Concerts but they stayed out and ended up deteriorating a lot faster than should have.
- She said if the rec. center could purchase new ones and store them that would be ideal as opposed to implementing permanent concrete benches

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### 201. Budget Approval for Fiscal Year 2022

• Presenter: Melissa Carver, Assistant Center Director

**Motion:** It was moved/seconded (B.Klees/M.Harder) to approve the budget. Don abstains from voting since it was already approved by management. The Motion carried. [4|1|0].

#### WORKSHOP:

None

# ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion:** It was moved/seconded (B.Klees/M.Harder) to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 Motion carried unanimously [5|0|0].

Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13th, 2021 at 5:00pm