

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
RANCHO BERNARDO COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP  
Special meeting - Wednesday, April 6, 2022  
Minutes  
7:00pm  
This meeting was conducting online via a zoom link**

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CALL TO ORDER - This was a special meeting called to order after it was brought to staffs attention by the Community Recreation Group that the March 23, 2022 meeting was in violation of the Brown Act. Area Manager Becky Lowndes changed the zoom link to the March 23, 2022 meeting minutes prior to the scheduled time of the meeting as she was having log on issues. Changing the zoom link at that time did not afford the public the minimum of 72 hours notice required by the Brown Act.

Members in attendance: Robin Kaufman, Kelly Batten, Sally Grigoriev, Dani Antique, Trevor Christensen, David Arnold, Debbie Meyer, Katie Newbanks. A quorum was met with all members present. Staff in attendance: Becky Lowndes, Eric McDonald.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – January, 2022: Motion made Dani Antique/Debbie Meyer to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed 7-0-1 with Debbie Meyer abstaining as she was unsure of one of the items.

TREASURERS REPORT – Ms. Grigoriev. In accordance to the City Actuals for February, our account has \$221,058.15.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS: In accordance with the City, this portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Council. (Comments relating to items on today's Agenda are to be taken at the time the item is heard). Comments will be limited to (3) three minutes and is not debatable.).

Linda Hickman inquired why meetings are changed to dates she cannot attend and why the Community Recreation Group does not post the information. While not required to respond to public remarks, it was once again explained to Ms. Hickman that this was a special meeting due to zoom link issues, that we only change meeting dates if there are time sensitive matters and we do not have a quorum and that staff is responsible for properly posting meeting notices.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES – None

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Ms. Kaufman.

We are holding this special meeting as unfortunately, when Becky Lowndes changed the zoom link to a new one at the last minute, we were no longer in compliance with the Brown Act. The City requires 72 hour notice of meetings, which was not afforded to the public when the link was changed. We will be repeating what was covered in the March meeting.

I connected Ayush with the RB Rotary (the noon group) for possible funding for the tennis ball libraries. He gave his presentation to the group on February 3 and they agreed to give him a donation that would cover the

costs of the materials for the project. They were very impressed with his ability to speak in front of a large group and answer questions.

A dog park user reached out due to extremely bad incidents at the dog park. They included a person who allegedly threatened him and his dog, a number of very rude people, his dog being attacked by another dog he alleged to be known to attack other dogs. In the process of trying to protect his puppy, he was bit and had a bloody finger.

A person complained that their dog got sick after consuming poop that was not picked up. A reminder to pick up your dog's poop and also be courteous by picking up any poop you may see. This is one reason I have always made 'poop rounds'.

Found hearing aid at the park

Had inquiry regarding pickleball in our gym

Had inquiry about renting space for a birthday party

Had a thumbs up comment in regard to the enjoyment of evening basketball on the outdoor courts

Had inquiry from lacrosse to hold their annual season potluck in May

Was contacted this Sunday asking if the fields were opened due to all the rain.

Posting of agendas is the responsibility of the STAFF, not any of the community recreation group members.

As for the off leash dog park grant, I was able to obtain an update.

I asked several questions. The project manager relayed the following responses as of 3.17. Before I read them, I want to make this perfectly clear as some seem to be under the impression I have control of what the City does when it comes to the dog park or the grant received for any upgrades –THE CITY DEALS WITH THE ENTIRE PROCESS OF SELECTING A GENERAL MANAGER, BIDDING, ADVERTISING AND AWARDED AS WELL AS THE TIME FRAME. AGAIN, I HAVE NO SAY IN THE MATTER AS SOME HAVE INSINUATED. All I can do is keep reaching out to the City in hopes of having it move forward. It took 6.5 years for the city to finally move forward with the RFP for the old lawn bowling area after I continually addressed the matter for all that time. The City does what it wants to do on its own timeline. My questions and responses:

Any update on what is transpiring with the RB Off Leash Dog Park grant process? Response: We are in the consultant procurement process for the As-Needed New Task for Landscape Architectural Services (Design).

Would you please provide me with a breakdown of how much of the grant has been utilized so far and for what? The Fund has a cumulative expenditure amount of \$106,499.91 since the project inception.

Has anything gone out to bid for contractors and so on? No

If so, when did the process start and when does it end? Bid, Advertising, and the Award will start in December 2022 through May 2023

## CITY STAFF REPORT –

Becky Lowndes –Area Manager: Is working with Anush on the tennis ball library and the girl scouts with the owl box;

Lawn bowling's RFP is still being reviewed before being made public. City hopes to have a new tenant by the end of the year;

Staff is working with Aztec for more dirt in the dog pens. Work will be done one pen at a time for up to a week. This will include fixing bubbler heads for the trees, building wells around the trees and pressure washing the concrete;  
Tree trimming will be taking place throughout the park.

Eric McDonald - Recreation Center Director: He deferred to Tonya's report given at the March 23 meeting:  
roller skating is going well on Friday nights in the gym;  
Tonya is looking into doing virtual crocheting classes;  
Staff is looking to hold the Spring Fling on April 15, 1-4 pm (only passing out bags of candy to those who drive up);  
Tonya is looking to do a scrap booking class in the summer;  
Men's basketball is taking place now;  
Movies in the park will be on June 18 (The Aristocrats) and August 20 (Encanto). When CRG members inquired as to why the movies were changed from what we voted on, staff said they were in charge of the movies, so they could decide which ones would be shown.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee – Ms. Kaufman : Met March 24. A power point on the parks master plan update was given; Staff gave an update on promoting pickle ball at the various community parks

Community Council – Ms. Kaufman: they approved their annual payment for directors and officers insurance, they approved a net energy metering letter, they approved expenditures for their annual earth day fair taking place on April 10, they discussed expenditures for their RB Alive booth (RB Alive has since been canceled), they approved the date and main activity for their annual safety fair taking place in September. They reviewed their annual chalk it up sidewalk chalk event taking place on May 7.

Planning Board – Ms. Kaufman: They reviewed a letter pertaining to the City's proposed retail cannabis ordinance amendments, they announced their election results.

Ed Brown Senior Center – Tim Rohane, President. Not present. Refer to information item 201 for details.

Rancho Bernardo Tennis Club- Scott Davis – Scott reported they are still doing great and have a waiting list similar to last meeting's report

Dog Park – Ms. Kaufman: comments made in chair's reports

Youth Sports – all: David Arnold reported flag football and soccer had a record amount of kids registered. Softball and baseball are also doing well. Katie Newbanks announced the summer camp schedule for plays have been made public.

ACTION ITEMS In following the procedures of the City, If any non-member has a comment on any agenda items, you will be afforded the opportunity to make a comment prior to each voting item. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes and are non-debatable

**101. Approval of Election Chair** Motion made Robin Kaufman/David Arnold to appoint Katie Newbanks as election chair with assistance from others not up for election. Motion passed unanimously.

**102.: Appointment of GBRLA Chair** Motion made Sally Grigoriev/Robin Kaufman to appoint David Arnold. Motion passed unanimously.

- 103. Patrick Batten Approval** Motion made Sally Grigoriev/Katie Newbanks to appoint Patrick Batten to fill the last vacancy on the Board. Motion passed unanimously.
- 104. Letter of support for soccer club to obtain contract to use lawn bowling area.** Motion made Kelly Batten/Dani Antique to submit a letter of support for the soccer club to obtain the lawn bowling area contract. David Arnold will draft the letter. Motion passed unanimously.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

- 201. Update on Ed Brown Center upgrades:** No one was present from the Ed Brown center. President Robin Kaufman provided the following information:

In accordance to the CRG's bylaws one of our duties is to advise, consult and assist in the management of organizations operating under lease arrangements within the community park. The park and rec department has left us out of this process in the past couple of years when it comes to such matters as the upgrades to the EBS, their contract and the lawn bowling property.

As an fyi, these are what is being proposed for the EBC via a grant:

Facility Improvements and Enhancements: Improvements include installing solar panels and an automatic entry door; enlarging the table storage closet; replacing tables, chairs and patio furniture; and creating a lounge area;

2. Technological and Equipment Upgrades: Improvements include replacing the office copy machine; purchasing computers for volunteers and administrative personnel; and replacing the sound and lighting systems on the stage;

3. Programmatic Enhancements and Additions: Improvements include installing a mirror wall and ballet barre for dance classes; creating additional classes; and expanding the meal program; and

4. Grant Administration and Project Management

WORKSHOP – none.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made Kelly Batten/Dani Antique to adjourn at 8:11 pm

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 (if there are voting items)  
Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center  
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