

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS RECREATION ADVISORY GROUP  
FEBRUARY 25, 2021  
MINUTES

**Meeting Location:**

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Steve Leffler – Chairperson/Tennis  
Glen Hachadorian – Pony/Colt  
Ben Airth – RPLL  
Sanjit Menezes– Cricket  
Jennifer Palkovic – Sienna’s Playgarden  
Sean Bascom – Sprockids

**ABSENT**

Steve Mauch – Vice Chairperson/PQGSA  
Rick Hudson – Secretary/Pop Warner  
Brad Reshke – RPB  
Theresa Gonzaga – Town Council  
Peter Stogsdill – PQYSA  
Diane Wavrik – YMCA  
Efrain Gonzalez – Wolverine Youth Football

**OFFICERS**

Steve Leffler – Chairperson/Tennis

**STAFF**

Mark Moncey – Area Manager  
Becky Lowndes – Center Director III  
Rex Cabanas – Center Director III  
Lauren Tufts Mirro – Asst. Center Director

**VISITORS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 28, 2021**

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (G. Hachadorian/S. Bascom) to approve minutes from January 28, 2021 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. TREASURER’S REPORT – City Staff**

Becky reported that the Canyonside Fund is currently \$246,320.47 which is an increase of \$2,237 from last month.

Rex reported that the Hilltop Fund is currently \$59,833.65 which is a decrease of \$612 from last month. Funds were used on grass seed and fertilizer for the large field.

**D. REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES – None**

**E. COMMUNICATIONS** (Limited to 5 minutes per speaker, informational in nature, items not on the agenda. Not to be debated or voted upon at current meeting unless agreed upon by full council). – None

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS – None**

**G. ACTION ITEMS**

Consent (Items are adopted without discussion)

Adoption (Each item requires individual action)

**H. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Steve Leffler**

Steve reported that he received an email from Robin Koffman, chair of the Rancho Bernardo Community Recreation Advisory Group (CRAG) and the planning board. She was wondering if the Rancho Penasquitos CRAG would support contacting the city about establishing a contact list of all CRAG chairs. The city recently established a page on the city website where agendas and minutes are displayed. “What is lacking, after numerous requests, is a public listing of all advisory board chairs/presidents with their contact information. Similar to what has been published for community planning groups for many years. We would appreciate the running list park and recreation staff regularly utilize for reaching out to community parks one and two members be posted on the city’s community recreation groups webpage. We would of course encourage staff to reach out to each chair/president first to confirm the correct contact information as some may utilize a designated email address other than a personal email address.” Steve mentioned he would likely use a different email address.

Mark stated that Area Managers are asked quarterly to confirm officers and report back. He stated he would follow up with the department on this issue. Requirements for the planning group and an advisory group may be different.

**I. VICE CHAIR REPORT – Steve Mauch**

Absent

**J. SECRETARY REPORT – Rick Hudson**

Absent

**K. PARK AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS**

**1) Rancho Peñasquitos Area Manager – Mark Moncey**

Mark reported that the HVAC project had a final walkthrough which went well. The acceptance memo has been drafted and is in review. Overall, the contractor did well. The HVAC will be in full use once the Recreation Centers are back open.

The YMCA will be allowed back in building once we have county and state approval. We are waiting to hear from the city on youth sports; we are expecting an update as early as tomorrow. The drainage for the parking lot close to being done. Playground sand replenishing was done at Adobe Bluffs and Views West. Thanks to Rex and Becky for their assistance. New fibar/wood chip was installed at Twin Trails Park playground. We continue to have issues with Graffiti at the skatepark; the current protocol dictates that the park gets closed when this happens. The police department has been assisting. The latest tagging has already been painted by our GMW, Tom. Repainting after these incidents can take a full day to complete. At Black Mountain Ranch tire ruts were found on the field today. Today's were not as bad as the incident six months ago. Additional boulders installed on site have helped deter people.

**2) Canyonside Recreation Center Director – Becky Lowndes**

Becky reported that they are still issuing 2 week permits and are still waiting on guidance on how to proceed with new regulations for youth and adult games. Department staff will be trained on the new regulations, so everyone is on the same page. Canyonside starting a virtual book club which is geared to older adults and a virtual guitar club which will be run by Brian, a Recreation Leader.

**3) Hilltop Recreation Center Director – Rex Cabanas**

Rex reported that additional field reseeding was done on the large field to cover bald spots left after the initial reseeding. The large field is now open to the public. There is still a mainline leak by the amphitheater that we are working to resolve. Lauren will be leaving for 1 month to do an Out of Class Assignment at Carmel Valley Recreation Center as a Center Director. Lura Clarkin will be filling in as the Assistant Recreation Center Director while Lauren is out. Hilltop had a gopher problem on the small field; one of the GMWs did an eradication, but staff will continue to monitor the area. Lauren reported that the eggs and banners are being placed out for the egg scavenger hunt. Eggs will be out from March 1 to 31 and prize pickup will be at Hilltop on Saturday, April 3 from 10am to noon. The Tot Craft and story time will be restarting in a virtual class format in the Spring. Sonya Thompson, GMW at Hilltop, won the Director's Award for Outstanding Maintenance. Becky won a prize at our Annual Department Meeting for the Most Creative Mask. Mark said that he would like to commend Lauren and Becky on the Spring Event. The event is being piggybacked at most Recreation Centers across the City of San Diego. Many events have not been possible during the pandemic and this event is a big accomplishment. Kudos to Lauren.

**L. ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1) **Community Parks I Area Committee – Glenn Hachadorian**  
No Report

**2) RPB Basketball - Brad Reschke**

Absent

**3) PQ Girls Softball – Steve Mauch**

Absent

**4) PQ Town Council - Theresa Gonzaga**

Absent

**5) PQ Youth Soccer - Peter Stogsdill**

Absent

**6) RP Little League – Ben Airth**

Absent

**7) Cricket – Sanjit Menezes**

Sanjit reported that Cricket continues to practice with the kids. They are eagerly waiting for the day they can have games. We continue to do two week permits.

**8) Pony/ Colt - Glen Hachadorian**

No Report

**9) YMCA - Diane Wavrik**

Absent

**10) RP Tennis - Steve Leffler**

Steve reported that they are landscaping twice a month now. They are playing intermural leagues, not club leagues. Everyone is social distanced and wearing masks.

**11) Pop Warner - Rick Hudson**

Absent

**12) Planning Board - Steve Leffler**

Steve reported that the planning board was looking at the parks master plan. The plan was not approved by city council yet. There was a report from a group that has issues with the department is trying to utilize smaller spaces for pocket parks. Their concern is that amenities are more focused on than open space. There will now probably be more community and advisory group input.

**13) Wolverine Youth Football - Efrain Gonzalez**

Absent

**14) Sienna's Playgarden - Jennifer Palkovic**  
No Report

**15) Sprockids - Sean Bascom**

Sean reported that they are starting an afterschool program in the next few weeks and clinics will get going through the summer. Groups of twelve have worked effectively. The program has expanded into Del Sur, Escondido and Rancho Bernardo. Sprockids became a non-profit in 2020. We have the goal of having someone in every community.

**M. Workshop Items**

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

Lauren Tufts Mirro  
Assistant Center Director

Steve Leffler  
Chairperson