

City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Department
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2021

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Online Meeting Held at:

San Ysidro Community Activity Center
179 Diza Road
San Ysidro, CA 92173

Mailing Address is:

179 Diza Road
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Members Present:

Felipe Muro
Martin Ortega
Enrique Duran
Ricardo Herrera
Juan Lopez

City Staff:

Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director
Mari Jo Ricanor Recreation Center Director
Erek Estrada, Area Manager
Jennifer Vaupel, Assistant Center Director
Gregorio Flores, Pool Manager
Stephanie Estrada, Mayor Representative
Gerardo Ramirez, CD8 Representative

Members Absent:

David Guerrero
Ricardo Herrera
Rosa Ruesga

Guests:

Alicia Jacobo

CALL TO ORDER:

Center Director Robert Lara called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and conducted roll call of all individuals in attendance to introduce themselves by name and organization.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 14, 2021 MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved /seconded (J. Lopez/M. Ortega) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstention.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA:

None

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORT:

None

MAYOR’S OFFICE REPORT:

Stephanie Estrada reported the following on behalf of the Mayor’s office:

- On June 24th, Mayor Gloria announced his \$145 million-dollar infrastructure plan to fund critical transportation, stormwater, parks and recreation, City facilities and technology projects in the upcoming fiscal year that begins July 1st.
- Under the Mayor’s plan, the City will use \$145 million in debt proceeds to help finance a lengthy list of projects.

- The funding breaks down into five categories:
 - Mobility and transportation: \$59.4 million
 - Stormwater: \$49.6 million
 - Parks and Recreation: \$20.7 million
 - City facilities: \$14.7 million
 - Information technology: \$550,000
- Mayor Gloria kicked off the first concentrated homelessness outreach program on June 27 that connects unsheltered residents to housing, shelter and services. The program is managed by the San Diego Housing Commission, outreach teams contracted with the City of San Diego, along with public and behavioral health specialists working for or contracted with the County of San Diego. At the shelter they will receive individualized supportive services, in efforts to create a path towards permanent housing.
- Mayor Gloria has unanimous support from the City Council for his “Back to Work SD” budget. The \$4.6 billion budget directs spending levels for City operations and capital projects for Fiscal Year 2022.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

None

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:

Council District Representative Gerardo Ramirez reported the following on behalf of Councilwoman Vivian Moreno:

- A Homeowners workshop will be held virtually on July 21 at 5:00pm. First time homeowners will receive resource information in this workshop.
- A FREE dumpster drop-off event has been scheduled for July 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 125 Cypress Drive where residents can dispose of unwanted items.
- The Otay Valley Regional Park has an opening for those interested in applying for the ‘Citizens’ Advisory Committee’. Anyone interested may contact Council District 8 office for more information.
- The office is currently working on addressing the issues of increased graffiti in the area. Please use the City’s ‘Get it Done’ app to report any incidents you encounter.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

None

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Robert Lara offered to email a copy of the latest reports with next month’s agenda and minutes.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

None

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE REPORT:

None

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORT:

- Ricky Duran of Atlante FC reported the group is preparing for fall season. There are currently 400 participants registered in the program.
- Felipe Muro of ComSports asked staff for an update on field availability at Larsen Field and other fields in the San Ysidro Area.

COMMUNITY REPORT:

- Juan Lopez of A.I.C.I. reported to everyone that the group has been meeting weekly at a member’s house. The group is waiting for reopening of the San Ysidro Senior Center.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Erek Estrada reported the following for the San Ysidro area parks:

- The San Ysidro Teen Center renovation of the old library is near completion. Once completed, a grand opening will be scheduled.
- Staff will be working with the City's Support Services scheduling fertilization and turf renovation at Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park.
- Fertilization and turf renovation will also be scheduled at Larsen Field. Prior to scheduling, staff will address the increase of gopher activity on the fields which are causing unplayable field conditions.
- On July 19, recreation facilities will start their reopening to the public. Please adhere to posted reopening guideline before entering facility. Hours of operation will vary for each facility.
- CIP (Capital Improvement Project) will take place at the San Ysidro Community Activity Center. Project plans include the renovation of the parking lot, playground and additional parking in the rear of the facility. There are also plans for upgrades to the indoor restrooms inside the facility, security cameras and security lights.
- SYCAC is getting upgrades and improvements in their network and communication system. Trenching and fiber optics are currently being installed to complete this improvement.

Pool Manager Gregorio Flores reported the following for Vista Terrace Pool:

- Pool is now open for recreational swim Monday through Thursday 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sundays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Lap swim on Sundays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Monday through Thursday 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Staff is currently conducting swim lessons. Each session for children costs \$5.00 for the entire session.
- Staff is offering a Junior Pool Guard program that has a water competency component for ages 7 to 15 years old.
- Staff is conducting classes for 3 to 6 years old's and a parent/tot class for 6 months to 2 years old.
- Vista Terrace swim team has started its season and runs Monday through Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Recreation Center Director Mari Jo Ricanor reported the following for Cesar Chavez Community Center:

- Staff is running its final week of summer camp Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Young Engineers Camp will also be running its' last session this week 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Staff is coaching a 10u and 12u youth basketball team currently playing at Montgomery Waller Community Park.
- Student meal distribution continues Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meals are free for recipients who walk or drive through. The last day for serving meals will be on July 23.
- Staff is currently hosting Teen Nite every Friday until August 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. free to teens ages 12 to 17 years old.
- Movies in the Park will take place on August 13. The event is free to the public and will be held at Larsen Field.

Assistant Recreation Center Director Jennifer Vaupel reported the following for San Ysidro Community Activity Center:

- Staff is running its' last week of Summer Camp. Young Engineers camp will run its last session the following week.
- Staff is currently accepting registrations for the upcoming staff run Summer Camp.
- Staff is currently coaching a 10u youth basketball team also playing at Montgomery Waller Community Park.
- Staff has collected \$2,600 in registration fees offering County Grant funded programs.
- Top Notch Catering is the new vendor for the FREE 'to go' meals being offered to students at SYCAC through July 23, 2021. Service is Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Robert Lara informed everyone that in person meetings can resume next month. The advisory group also has the option to continue its meetings virtually. Next month, the members will discuss holding bi-monthly meetings or monthly meetings with the option of in person or virtual as well.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Center Director Robert Lara adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday August 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm via online Zoom meeting.

Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

Mari Jo Ricanor
Recreation Center Director

Erek Estrada
Area Manager

Felipe Muro
Chairperson