

City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Department
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Held at:

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

Mailing Address is:

179 Diza Road
San Ysidro, CA 92173

Members Present:

Martin Ortega
Juan Lopez
Ricky Duran
Felipe Muro
Consuelo Delgadillo
Rosa Ruesga

City Staff:

Francisco Castruita, Area Manager
Mari Jo Ricanor Recreation Center Director
Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director
Belinda Fimbres, Recreation Center Director
Kathy Costello, Area Manager, Aquatics
Carlos Lacarra, Community Relations, SDPD

Members Absent:

David Guerrero

Guests:

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Martin Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Introductions were made around the table for those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 13, 2022 MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved /seconded (F. Muro/C. Delgadillo) to accept the October 10, 2022 minutes as presented with the following corrections: The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions.

- Martin Ortega is recorded twice under ‘Members Present’
- Hearts and Hands Working Together meetings are held every fourth Friday of the month at the San Ysidro Community Center, 663 San Ysidro Blvd.
- Friends of the Library meetings are held every third Thursday of the month.

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP:

None

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE:

None

COMMUNICATIONS: (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable)

None

CITY OF SAN DIEGO MAYOR’S REPORT:

None

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:

None

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

Community Relations Officer Carlos Lacarra reported the following:

- There is an increase in car thefts and car prowls in San Ysidro.
- N.P.D. (Neighborhood Policing Division) is addressing the increase in transient activity and issues in the area.
- Officers are dealing with the current issue concerning Motorhomes parking overnight in parks and business districts.
- Continue to use the 'Get it Done' application on your smart phone to submit concerns of transient encampments, abandon vehicles, and any issues concerning police assistance.
- Informed everyone to be read and become familiar with the 'Protect Act' legislation. There have been some changes in the Municipal code that could affect the public.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Robert Lara will email the most recent financial RCF Budget to Actuals report to everyone.

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:

None

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

Felipe Muro of 'Comsports' reported the following:

- Informed everyone the Villa Bowl has been relocated to take place at Cesar Solis Community Park instead of Larsen Field. This is due to unsafe field conditions and the playability to hold athletic usage. He asked staff what they can do as an organization to assist in getting the fields back to good condition for athletic use.
- Villa Bowl is taking place on February 18-19 at Cesar Solis Community Park. He invites everyone to come and check out the event.

Ricky Duran of Atlante F.C. reported the following:

- Informed everyone that this past season had over 500 participants. Atlante offers a recreation and development program. The season has concluded, and some teams are currently preparing for State and National Cup.
- Spring League will start in March.
- Commented regarding the current field conditions at Larsen Field. Gophers have been an ongoing problem at Larsen Field, and it started to become increasingly worse in 2017. All organizations that use the field should make every effort to contribute themselves in maintenance assistance, and revenue donations towards field renovations and supplies. Staff should have a cooperative effort between permit users and the Parks and Recreation Department to assist in this project.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

Consuelo Delgadillo of 'Helping Hands Working Together' reported the following:

- The organization held a December holiday event where 675 decorations/ornaments were handed out.
- A Mother's Day event in being planned for May.
- The Otay Mesa Planning Group was informed of a new housing development which will be constructed along Sycamore Boulevard.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Francisco Castruita reported the following:

- Thanked San Ysidro area staff on the success of holiday community special events such as Halloween Carnivals, Turkey Trot and Toys for Tots.
- Informed everyone that if you have any questions or comments regarding park and recreation facilities, they can be sent via internet through 'Ask Parks'. Be patient once sent because it is a process to have it sent to the correct personnel to reply to your inquiry.
- Informed everyone on an update regarding a shooting that occurred at Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park on February 9.

- Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding our parks and facilities. I will try to get you the information or answer in a timely manner.

Area Manager Kathy Costello of Vista Terrace Pool reported the following:

- Vista Terrace is closed for a month. Pool closure is needed to conduct the repairs and construction needed.
- \$20,000 of work is currently being done at Vista Terrace Pool. An epoxy is being painted at the bottom of the pool as part of the floor's repair.
- Shade material has been installed. Grouted tile and painting are also being done.
- Landscape work such as installing and maintaining new plants and shrubs to beautify the area.
- Swim registration begins on February 18.
- Pool operating hours will be 5 days a week, 3 hours a day.

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

- Free dinner meals to youth up to 18 years old are being offered until summer 2023, unless there is a drop in attendance. These meals are served at from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Staff coached flag football in October thru December and the 12 and under team advanced to City-wide tournament at Robb Field in December.
- Turkey Trot was held on November 22. Prizes were handed out to participants.
- Toys for Tots distribution was on December 20. 240 toys were handed out to families who registered.
- Staff is currently taking sign-ups for youth basketball.
- A carnival will be at Larsen Field from February 9 to February 12. There is a fee for rides, games, food and entrance to the carnival. Staff was given complimentary tickets to hand out to participants in recreation programming.

Recreation Center Director Belinda Fimbres reported the following for San Ysidro Teen Center and Senior Center:

- Assistant Center Director Jackie Hernandez took 20 seniors to audition for a Talent show at Park de la Cruz. Their group was the largest coming from San Ysidro Senior Center compared to other sites auditioning.
- SY Senior Center will be taking participants to Safari Park at the end of February.
- Jackie will be promoting upcoming senior classes such as a walking class, chair exercise and the current karaoke class.
- The Teen Center will be hosting an event for Valentine's Day on February 14.

Recreation Center Director Robert Lara reported the following for San Ysidro Community Activity Center:

- Staff is currently hosting a 7- team 10 and under league and a 5- team pee wee league for basketball.
- Staff has 5 basketball teams. 2- 10 and under, 2- 12 and under, and 1 pee wee team. In total, 39 participants.
- Outdoor grills were purchased for the parks. Howard Lane Neighborhood Park will reduce the number of grills currently available from 6 to 3.
- Summer Lunch program will be held from June 12 to July 11.
- Spring Egg Hunt will be on Tuesday April 4 at La Mirada School. It is an event part of the 'Parks after Dark' campaign which consists of numerous events being held throughout City of San Diego parks.
- Community vet clinic events will be held at La Mirada School on the first Saturday of the month. Check Council District 8 social media posts for more information.
- Staff submitted a program proposal for 'Robothink'. A stem program funded by the Mayor's office. It is an 8-class session proposed for Mondays from March through April.
- There was an internal error discovered in which Santa Clara Recreation Center was processing financial transactions under San Ysidro Community Activity Center, instead of Santa Clara. The error is currently being handled.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

Robert handed out to everyone SYCAC's proposed budget for FY2024. Any comments or suggestions were discussed at the meeting.

MOTION: It was moved /seconded (R. Duran/F. Muro) to accept the proposed budgets for FY2024 for San Ysidro Community Activity Center and Cesar Chavez Community Center as presented. The motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Martin Ortega adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday March 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
San Ysidro Community Activity Center
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Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

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Francisco Castruita
Area Manager

Martin Ortega
Chairperson