

City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Department
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 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
Felipe Muro
Rosa Ruesga
Consuelo Delgadillo

City Staff:

Mari Jo Ricanor Recreation Center Director
Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director
Belinda Fimbres, Recreation Center Director
Francisco Castruita, Area Manager

Members Absent:

David Guerrero
Ricky Duran

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Martin Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Introductions were made around the table for those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2023, MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved /seconded (R. Ruesga/F, Muro) to accept the minutes as presented with the following corrections: The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

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:

Members requested staff to contact the mayor’s representative for the San Ysidro area to attend future meetings to get Mayor updates and ask the representative questions.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:

- An opera concert is scheduled for May 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the San Ysidro Public Library in honor of Mother’s Day. The event is free and open to the public.
- SD Humane Society will have the Mobile Vet Clinic event held on May 6 from 10:00 to 3:30 p.m. Please contact Council District 8 office for more information.

- Council District 8 office will host a free Fraud Prevention Workshop for Seniors at the San Ysidro Public Library on June 16 at 9:00 a.m. The City's District Attorney's office will conduct the workshop.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

- On April 7, an incident occurred at the 100 block of East Park Avenue in San Ysidro. Police Homicide Detectives were called to the scene and are currently investigating the incident. It is still early in the investigation, and little is known about the circumstances leading up to the male's death.
- Officer Lacarra reported the latest crime stats to everyone within the San Ysidro area.

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 a successful 'Villa Bowl' event which took place at Cesar Solis Community Park. The group hopes to work with staff at Larsen Field to hold the next Villa Bowl tournament in San Ysidro next year.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

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

- The organization will feed volunteers who are participating in the 'I Love a Clean San Diego' event on May 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Community Service Center located along San Ysidro Boulevard.
- The San Ysidro Planning Group will hold a meeting on April 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the San Ysidro District Office to discuss the 'Border to Bayshore Bikeway' presentation from SANDAG. They will give an update of the Border to Bayshore Bikeway Project. The meeting is open to the public.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Francisco Castruita reported the following:

- Thanked staff for a great job running their annual egg hunt events. Great attendance from families and kids enjoying the event.
- Recognized Assistant Center Director Jacqueline Hernandez on her efforts working with the Seniors and implementing programming at the San Ysidro Senior Center. Participants of the programs offered are enjoying new experiences and are happy with several activities and events Jackie has created and organized for them.
- Maintenance staff are working hard to remove and control the weeds growing in the area parks due to the rain we have had the last couple months.
- We have had an increase of 'Get it Done' requests from the public on various issues. A common concern submitted is graffiti related. Staff do their due diligence to paint over and remove as soon as possible.
- 12 cubic yards of woodchips have been purchased from a vendor that will be delivered and spread at Vista Pacifica Neighborhood Park to address the low spots in the swing area of the playgrounds.

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 Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. until summer 2023.
- 'Parks after Dark' community event took place on March 24 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. It was a free event for everyone. Jumpers, music, food, arts and crafts, and information/community booths were onsite. 150 people attended the event.
- A basketball banquet took place on March 24. After receiving awards, players were invited to attend the Parks after Dark event so they could participate in the event activities taking place.
- Egg Hunt will take place on April 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Prizes were given in each age division of 5 to 12 years old.

- The staff is currently taking sign-ups for youth soccer and volleyball.
- Fern Street Circus will be performing at Larsen Field on May 6. It is a free event, and the performance time is 2:00 p.m.

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

- Teens visit The SD Humane Society monthly where they witness daily operations such as neutering, animal rescues and tours of the facility. The teens were featured recently on a news story on Channel 8 of their visits.
- A ‘Sticker Hunt’ took place instead of an Easter Hunt on April 7, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. 10 teens participated in the hunt and received prizes.
- Staff is working with staff at Cesar Chavez Community Center with coaching a 14u soccer team.

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

- Basketball season has completed, and staff held an end of season banquet for all participants. The staff is currently recruiting and coaching youth for the upcoming Basketball and Volleyball season.
- Windows were replaced in the gym which were discovered vandalized.
- ‘Robothink’ classes are being held in the afternoon at the recreation center. Funding was granted through the Mayor’s Equity Fund.
- Spring Egg Hunt was held on April 4 at La Mirada School. It is an event part of the ‘Parks after Dark’ campaign which consisted of numerous events being held throughout City of San Diego parks. Channel 10

INFORMATION ITEMS:

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

1. Opportunity Fund Budget Proposal FY24
 - a) San Ysidro Community Activity Center
 - b) Cesar Chavez Community Center
 - c) San Ysidro Teen Center

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Opportunity Fund Budget Proposal FY24
 Robert presented a power point presentation explaining to everyone the purpose of the Department’s Opportunity Fund and how each site was to budget their expenditures for FY24. Everyone received a copy of each site’s proposed budget and staff answered any questions pertaining to each site’s budget.

MOTION: It was moved /seconded (R. Ruesga/F, Muro) to accept the minutes as presented with the following corrections: The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

2. FY24 Budget- Cesar Chavez Community Center
 Mari Jo presented a copy of the budget for review and answered questions regarding budget outline.

MOTION: It was moved /seconded (F. Muro/R. Ruesga) to accept the minutes as presented with the following corrections: The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Martin Ortega adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday May 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
 San Ysidro Community Activity Center
 179 Diza Road, San Ysidro, CA 92173
 (619) 424-0472

Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

 Mari Jo Ricanor
 Recreation Center Director

 Francisco Castruita
 Area Manager

 Martin Ortega
 Chairperson