

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
RANCHO BERNARDO COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP  
Wednesday, September 20, 2023  
7:00pm  
Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center  
18448 West Bernardo Drive San Diego CA, 92127**

CALL TO ORDER- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Robin Kaufman. Members in attendance: Robin Kaufman, Trevor Christensen, Dani Antique, Andy Kutzner, Katie Newbanks, Tiffany Norton. Staff: Mark Moncey, Eric McDonald. Guests: Spanky Michaelis, Debbie Meyer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – May, 2023: Motion made Tiffany Norton/Katie Newbanks. Motion passed Unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT: \$233,242.84

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 are non-debatable.

-Fields are almost unplayable due to water leaks. Mark Moncey has an irrigation inspection scheduled.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES: None.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT: See attachment.

CITY STAFF REPORT:

**Area Manager:** Mark Moncey: Introduced himself and his background with the department; mentioned walking the area with Robin Kaufman and will be addressing several dead/dying trees in the dog pens; trenching for the Ed Brown Center solar panels was completed Sept. 16 with project completion scheduled for Oct. 1.

**Recreation Center Director:** Eric McDonald: short on staff, but have 2 new part time people; the water fountain by field 2 is broken and he's ordered the parts needed to fix it; fields are being utilized to capacity as is the indoor gym; planning on Halloween event Oct. 26 5:30-7:30. Lights are working well for evening little league, pop warner and soccer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Community Parks I Area Committee – no meeting.**

**Community Council** – the Board approved their annual report, expenditures for the annual safety fair and annual financial audit. It was also announced that 450 people registered for the donut fun run.

**Planning Board** – the September meeting was cancelled.

**Ed Brown Senior Center** – As reported by Mark Moncey, EBC is moving forward with the solar panels. They will also have new, electronic, sliding front doors.

**Rancho Bernardo Tennis Club**- Scott Davis sent a communication indicating they are doing very well, with a waiting list.

**Dog Park Issues** – dead and dying trees will be removed; working on keeping trash cans emptied on a regular basis.

**Youth Sports** – Members reported all sports are doing well. Largest registration since the pandemic. Field issues need to be addressed.

**ACTION ITEMS** In following the procedures of the City, if any non-member has a comment on any agenda items, they 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. Election of Officers:** Motion made Dani Antique/Tiffany Norton for the following:

- President: Robin Kaufman
- Vice President: Katie Newbanks
- Treasurer: Sally Grigoriev
- Secretary Dani Antique

Motion passed unanimously.

**102. Approval of Halloween and Snow Days in the Park dates:** Eric McDonald presented the two dates: October 26 (5:30-7:30 pm) and December 2 (12 – 4 pm). Motion made Robin Kaufman/Katie Newbanks to approve the dates. Motion passed unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:** In following the procedures of the City, if any non-member has a comment on any agenda items, they 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.

**201. Kiwanis donation check:** Kiwanis has money left over from the tot lot they helped build. They would like the money to be utilized to benefit all.

**202. Update on Lawn Bowling property:** Area Manager Mark Moncey gave an update on the property. It has been vacant since 2015 and no bids on the RFP. We have been very short of practice and other areas in the park. It has been agreed to return the area to natural turf with irrigation, remove the fencing and offer it for small practices and other programs. Since this is an information item, we will bring it back to the Group during our next meeting for a formal vote.

**203. Fiscal Year 2025 budget draft:** Staff to presented proposed budget. After some discussion, it was agreed to bring it to the Group during our next meeting for a formal vote.

**204. Proposed summer concerts:** Is there interest in doing a summer series in conjunction with the other CRGs in our area? Robin Kaufman mentioned that High Country West was offering a free concert day consisting of local community bands of different sizes. We would like to work

with staff to hold something similar in the summer; perhaps in conjunction with our movies in the park.

**204. Park projects/wish list:** Group will review and suggest some projects for the park:

- new sound system
- new field wind screens
- remove sand by tot lots and replace with rubberized material (due to the lack of Aztec properly maintaining the sand)

WORKSHOP – None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Regular Meeting (if there are action items):  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 7 pm  
Facility: Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center  
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### **President's remarks**

A reminder was given to attendees of the meeting protocol.

-We've had a number of inquiries on various rentals in the park. People are always referred to our office

-Mark Moncey and I walked several areas of the park in July to review issues which included finishing up the removal of the downed tree between field 8 and the fencing by the off leash dog park, several dead trees in the pens and a couple of dying canary island pines in the pens. During our walk through, concerns were discussed that Aztec was not addressing the area behind field 7 and the sidewalk leading to the off leash dog area as there is always an abundance of of dead branches, leaves and bark laying around.

At that time, we also discussed the poor conditions of the fields, especially fields 3 and 4. Mark immediately responded, having Aztec up the watering of those fields. They are now doing the same to the other fields. We also discussed ordering those metal signs with field numbers on them to attach to place by each field, making them easier to distinguish. At that time, Mark commented that

- There is a 3" irrigation main line break affecting the turf around the building and Fields 3 and 4. Watering times are being doubled in duration and an additional day of watering added after the repair is completed. Staff is rotating the fields to free up Fields 3 and 4. No significant impacts to user groups.

Some other matters that were addressed, which Mark and Eric followed up on included

- getting the golf cart that is utilized by staff fixed (it had been broken for approximately 5 months)
- getting the ADA entrance door fixed as that too, had been broken for at least 6 months.

-it was brought to Mark's attention we had several water marks in the meeting rooms, indicating leaks. Mark was able to address this and the roof was replaced in those areas.

-The girl scouts finished their owl box project and we are waiting for the city to install them.

-Our boy scout project of updating the front entrance area is coming to fruition. He will most likely start the work in the next month.

-Those associated with any of the user groups – please help inform all the parents NOT to park on the street. We know parking is an issue with all the games taking place, but it is illegal to park on the street, especially since the vehicles are blocking the bike lanes. All it takes is one patrol officer to pass by and decide to give tickets. We had this a few years ago and there were approximately 20 vehicles ticketed.