

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
RANCHO BERNARDO COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023  
MINUTES  
Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center  
18448 West Bernardo Drive San Diego CA, 92127**

CALL TO ORDER- Robin Kaufman, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Members in attendance: Robin Kaufman, Katie Newbanks, Sally Grigoriev, Trever Christensen, Andy Kutzer, Tiffany Norton, Michelle Castin, Jarod Norton.  
Staff in attendance: Mark Moncey (Area Manager), Eric McDonald (Center Director).  
Guests: Brett Carter, Kim Lange, Debbie Meyer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – September, 2023 Motion made Katie Newbanks/Trever Crhistensen to approve the minutes. Motion passed 6-2-0 with Sally Grigoriev and Michelle Castin abstaining as they were not present at the September meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT – \$251,135.79 in the account.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS - Inquiries were made in regard to the proposed upgrades to the off leash dog park area. The detailed link will be placed on the city website as well as our unofficial off leash dog park page. There is a broken utility box that is being addressed.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES – None.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Robin Kaufman welcomed everyone, reminded them of meeting protocols. Also reported:

- we received a number of inquiries on renting various areas at the park.
- we received concerns about the condition of our comfort stations (bathrooms)
- we received concerns regarding overflowing trash cans
- we received concerns of conditions of areas that are overseen by the Ed Brown Center which includes rodent and bird droppings in their small outdoor gazebo area where the tables are located.
- we received inquiries of joining the tennis club
- we received complaints of bullying in the small dog pen
- we received inquiries on renting the fields and also the gazebo
- we received calls and messages regarding vehicles driving along some of the fields last week
- staff will be reporting on all the great work they have accomplished since our last meeting (finishing up with removal of the dead/dying trees in the off leash dog park, new signage, etc.)

## CITY STAFF REPORT –

**Area Manager:** Mark Moncey reported the following:

- Robin Kaufman made us aware of a vehicle that was riding on one of our fields in the evening. Some damage was done to the grass. Staff is looking into some preventative measures.
- staff is conducting bi-weekly maintenance with Aztec in regard to the various leaks.
- after walking through the off leash park with Robin Kaufman, it was determined which trees needed to be trimmed and which needed to be removed. Several trees were trimmed.
- fields 4 and 6 will be reseeded and closed 6-8 weeks.
- Aztec will be fertilizing the fields.
- Andy Kutzer inquired about the irrigation issues on field 2 (main line break) and field 4.

**Recreation Center Director:** Eric McDonald reported the following:

- Unfortunately, he presently has a skeleton crew.
- Maintenance included removing 5 graffiti issues in the park; all drinking fountains have had issues being addressed; we have a new one on field 4 with a bottle filler; new wood chips have been placed in the kids play area; he's ordered mor irrigation tops; snow days in the park is Dec. 2. We're in need of volunteers for the snow run.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Community Parks I Area Committee** – no meetings and no notices of them being cancelled. Robin Kaufman addressed this matter with Andy Field, park and rec. director.

**Community Council** – Did not meet in November.

**Planning Board** – Did not meet in October, but they are working on updating their bylaws. Next meeting is tomorrow evening.

**Ed Brown Senior Center** – Robin Kaufman introduced Kim Lange, newly hired director. The Center received a grant from San Diego County Seniors Community Foundation to hire Kim, who works for the Foundation.

**Rancho Bernardo Tennis Club-** Scott Davis submitted a report indicating they presently have 175 members; public use is up 20% since COVID; they had to replace the timer and some wiring for court lights at a cost of \$2,500; they are presently putting out bids to resurface 4 of the courts. Bids are running between \$77,000 and \$82,000; they are applying for a grant from the San Diego Tennis Council.

**Dog Park Issues** – addressed in President's comments and Mark Moncey's comments.

**Youth Sports** – Super Saturday youth sports was extremely successful; they have a record number of kids in all the sports. Practice time for the fields is challenging.

**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. Lawn Bowling Property:** Approval of lawn bowling area to be a natural turf area for the community. Kim Lange and Brett Carter introduced an idea to have the Ed Brown Center convert the area to pickle ball courts. After some discussion a motion was made Trevor Christensen/Jarrold Norton to approve their idea. Motion did not pass. Motion made Sally Grigoriev/Katie Newbanks to have them come back with more detailed information. Motion passed 7-1-0 with Robin Kaufman not in favor.

**102. Fiscal Year 2025 budget:** We are voting to approve the recommendations discussed at the September, 2023 meeting. Motion made Katie Newbanks/Tiffany Norton to approve the budget. Motion passed unanimously.

**103. Glassman Brown Leadership Award (GBRL):** Motion made Michelle Castin/Katie Newbanks to have Sally Grigoriev and Andy Kutzer be co-chairs of it this year.

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**201. Movies in the Park:** Be prepared to make recommendations and vote on them at the next meeting.

**WORKSHOP** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made Sally Grigoriev/Trevor Christensen to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting (if there are action items):  
Wednesday, January 17, 2023, 7 pm  
Facility: Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center  
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