

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CARMEL VALLEY COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Held

Carmel Valley Recreation Center
3777 Townsgate Dr.
San Diego, CA, 92130

Attendance:

Chairperson	Marilee Pacelli
At-Large	Luca Pacelli
DMLL	Andy Kirkpatrick
CV Lacrosse	Steve Sepeta
Sharks	Kelly McDonald
Master Sports	Tedd Ekeroth
Mustangs Rugby	Jason Scott
FNA	Connor Stuart
FNL	Ed Harr
BDM	Tommy Maurer
NSGS	Greg Ratchuk
At-Large	Victor Marshall

Absent:

At-Large Pat Collins (Excused)

City Staff:

District Manager	Jerry Abbott
Area Manager	Debbie Marcotte
Center Director III	Michael Mangarelli
Pool Manager I	Antwan Lopez
Community Rep.	Joaquin Quintero
Project Officer II	Kathleen Brand

Guests:

Mary Aschieris	Rock N' Tumble Owner	Harry Spein	Community Member
Liliana Batelman	Community Member	Amy McKibben	Community Member
Ken Kruger	Community Member	Gerry Greiner	Monarch Activist
Todd Saier	Community Member	Ann Yee	Community Member
Karin Lang	Community Member	Aliya Weise	Community Member
Amanda Weise	Community Member	David Cogburn	Community Member
Brenda Marshall	Community Member	Oscar Plotnik	Community Member
Elizabeth Gompf	Community Member	Chuck Gompf	Community Member
Len Glassner	Community Member	Sourak Chakrabarti	Community Member
Bimal Chakrabarti	Community Member	Laurie Nicoud	Community Member
David Warner	Community Member	Mary Stromitis	Community Member
Frederik Andersen	Community Member	Daniel Koehler	Community Member

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS: Marilee Pacelli called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion: it was moved/seconded (T. Ekeroth/ J. Scott) to approve the November 14, 2023, minutes. (Noted that the lights on the sidewalk behind the amphitheater have been out for

over a year, if not more, as mentioned in the previous Chairperson's report and the new Bylaws have not been approved by The City of San Diego since they reorganized Recreation Councils. The FY25 Budget were not reflected in the minutes).

Motion passed: 4-0-1

III. NON- AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Gerry Breiner wanted to bring to the attention of the Community the State of California has set aside funds and resources for habitat restoration and that there are a lot of dead zones in the Carmel Valley area that are not being tamed where we can plant native plants, specifically favoring monarch butterflies.
2. Liliana Batelman commented on the condition of the basketball floors at Ocean Air and Carmel Valley Recreation Center and that there is not enough open play pickleball on Saturdays due to programming. Would like to see more Senior programming in the Carmel Valley area.

IV. STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager: Debbie Marcotte

1. Ocean Air Recreation Center is getting a new Center Director and Assistant Center Director starting on January 20, 2024.
2. The Assistant Center Director position at Carmel Valley is vacant. The previous Assistant Center Director promoted to another department in The City of San Diego.
3. The Carmel Valley CIP includes installation of artificial turf along with making the ramp to the upper field ADA accessible. This projected duration is estimated through the end of the year and possible into the beginning of 2025. The construction for the Capitol Improvement Project started at Carmel Valley Community Park which is why half of the parking lot is inaccessible.
4. The Grounds Maintenance Worker II position has been filled for Sage Canyon and Elizabeth Rabbit Neighborhood Parks.
5. We are working to schedule gym resurfacing in June due to water damage that seeped through the ground.

Recreation Center Director III: Michael Mangarelli

1. The Assistant Center Director position at Carmel Valley Recreation Center is currently vacant. All permit inquires will be run through Debbie and myself.
2. The FY24 Winter programming is in full swing, and our registration numbers are high. Our Winter Karate class has been cancelled due to personal reasons. We are hoping that the Karate class will resume in the Spring.
3. Spring registration opens on Saturday, February 10, 2024.
4. Our annual Spring Egg Hunt is slated for March 30, 2024. This event will be held at Carmel Creek Neighborhood Park due to the construction at Carmel Valley Community Park. Please reach out to me if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

Pool Manager I: Antwan Lopez

1. The Carmel Valley Pool is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00 – 7:00pm
2. The Carmel Valley Pool is offering adult water fitness classes from 3:00 – 4:00pm, lap swimming from 3:00 – 6:00pm and youth swim team from 6:00 – 7:00pm.
3. Carmel Valley Pool is very short staffed which is why the hours are limited. However, they are having a hiring hall next Saturday at Allied Gardens.

Community Representative: Joaquin Quintero

4. This Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 6:00pm there will be a Police Chief recruitment forum. Please reach out to Joaquin for more information regarding this forum.

V. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Marilee Pacelli

1. Marilee attended a Zoom meeting with councilmember Joe LaCava. She brought up the fact that the Recreation Centers are short staffed.
2. Marilee assigned Luca Pacelli for the officer nomination committee.

VI. CRG BOARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Master Sports - Tedd Ekeroth

1. Tedd mentioned that if the new GDP amendment is approved it will impact the tiny tot athletic programs such as Master Sports, Little Rascalz and Soccer Shots and another field in the Carmel Valley area will have to be dedicated for these programs.
2. This entire project is going to have a major impact on parking. With youth sports playing on the upper field, basketball inside the gym and all other programs at the recreation center parking is going to be a major issue.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Officer nominating committee.

VIII WORKSHOP ITEMS:

1. Carmel Valley Community Park GDP Amendment.

Presenters Daniel Koehler and Frederik Anderson discussed the current amendment of the GDP for lower field at Carmel Valley Community Park. The current GDP is for two multisport arenas which was approved over 11 years ago. The arenas have not been built and the space is currently utilized by various youth sports, parties, and special events. They proposed to change the GDP amendment to allow for pickleball/padel facility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Ginny Barnes explained that the concept for tonight's workshop item is to look at the General Development Plan and for the community to decide if the concept of the pickleball/padel facility instead of arena soccer. This is not the actual design but just a suggestion of what they would like to see in the community. Ginny mentioned that there is funding through the FBA to build pickleball/padel courts opposed to funding by a nonprofit organization.
2. Ken Kruger would like to see this area used as a dog park and outdoor volleyball court opposed to pickleball/padel facility.
3. Howard Lux would like free pickleball courts like what they have at Poinsettia Park up in Carlsbad. A free facility; open to public at no cost.
4. Daniela DaSilva would like to know how they are going to mitigate noise pollution from the pickleball courts.

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Request recommendation to approve the FY25 Recreation Fund Budget for Ocean Air Recreation Center.**

Motion: It was moved/seconded (T. Ekeroth/ J. Scott) **to approve the FY25 Recreation Center Budget for Ocean Air Recreation Center.**

Motion passed: 4-3-2 (T. Ekeroth/ J. Scott)

- B. Request recommendation to approve the FY25 Recreation Fund Budget for Carmel Valley Recreation Center.**

Motion: It was moved/seconded (T. Ekeroth/ J. Scott) **to approve the FY25 Recreation Center Budget for Carmel Valley Recreation Center.**

Motion passed: 4-3-2 (T. Ekeroth/ J. Scott)

- X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- A. Community Parks I Area Committee: None
 - B. MAD Parks: None
 - C. Sports Report: None
 - D. Special Events: None
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** 9:14 p.m. by Marilee Pacelli

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Mangarelli, Recreation Center Director III

Approved by,
Marilee Pacelli, Chair

The next special meeting of the Carmel Valley Recreation Center Community Recreation Group is scheduled for March 12, 2024, at 7:00p.m., at the Carmel Valley Recreation Center located at 3777 Townsgate Drive, San Diego, CA 92130.

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