#### CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ADAMS COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP (CRG)
MINUTES/PUBLIC MEETING
In person and via Zoom
Tuesday, February 27, 2024
6:00 p.m.

#### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Baross - Chair Dennis Reiter- NHUA Ellen Stone Kim Emerson - Corresponding Secretary Nancy Lawler - NHCPG Mark Lawler -Jackson Stover - VOLO

#### **STAFF**

Fernando Jumillas, OCA Center Director Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager - absent Erni Barros - San Diego Library - absent Jenny Hall - Community Relations Officer - via telephone Sara Al-Agha - Rep for District 9 -absent Roberto Marin - Rep for District 9 (standing-in for Sara Al-Agha)

### **GUESTS:**

Fernando Garcia, Candidate running for District 9 Adam Shames Britt Jones Gary Weber, via Zoom Adam Shames

### ABSENT:

Connie Terwilliger – Ward Canyon Waggers

#### CALL TO ORDER

Jim Baross called meeting to order at 6:00pm

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 23, 2024, minutes were not available for approval and were tabled for the next meeting on March 26, 2024.

**COMMUNICATIONS** (limited to items **not** on the agenda. Each one will be limited to five (5) minutes and is not debatable).

## **Adam Shames -** discussion of the following:

• Adam was questioning the actual name the name of the little park? Answer: Adams Community Park. Also, Adam asked about the entrance to the field and access on weekends, and if it could start being consistently open to the public? It was stated that this has been an on-going issue. Adam also noted that there is an inconsistency of open hours at the Adams Rec Center and hoped to see a posted schedule of activities. Jim Baross stated that this can be a more in-depth discussion for the next CRG meeting.

## Gary Weber via Zoom:

Made an urgent appeal to officer Hall reporting that he currently had a homeless
person wondering around in his backyard. He could not get through on the nonemergency line to the police. Officer Hall gave him a different number to call. This
is a non-CRG matter.

# **ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. San Diego Police/Community Relations Officer Officer Jenny Hall Reported that Ana Sanchez, the homeless woman with two cats at the front steps of the Adams Rec Center, was arrested on the February 22<sup>nd</sup> for unsafe camping, but then released the same day. There are continuing problems with the homeless at Ward Canyon Park, trespassing at the old restaurant Di Mills, and a carjacking that ended up catching the individual. She stated that the best we can all do is use the Get It Done app to report problems to the City.
- **2. City Council District 9 Community Representative** Roberto Marin, Community Representative for Councilman of Sean Elo-Rivera, was attending in place of Sara AlAgha who was on vacation. Mr. Marin stated that we could call his office direct if there were any unresolved issues.
- 3. San Diego Library No Report
- **4. Mid-City Little League** No Report.
- 5. VOLO Jackson Stover Reported that they are still having issues with the field lights, but they were able to get permits for kickball Wednesdays and Thursdays. They haven't been able to get permits for Mondays and Tuesdays through, and he hoped to have this issue resolved ASAP.
- **6. Normal Heights Community Association -** There were no NHCA members present but it was mentioned that they will be having an Easter "Eggstravaganza" event at Ward Canyon Park on March 23, 2024.
- 7. **Normal Heights Community Planning Group Nancy Lawler** reported that there will be the changing of members at their next meeting on March 5, 2024, and that they are seeking nominations for the election next month.
- 8. Ward Canyon Waggers No Report
- 9. Normal Heights Urban Arts –Kim Emerson & Dennis Reiter reported that most likely the mosaic mural "Kaleidoscope of Butterflies" will be installed on the Adams Rec Center exterior walls on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, which also happens to be National Learn About Butterflies Day. If the installation goes smoothly, then the dedication and ribbon cutting event for the mural will be on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, on the same day as the Adams Rec Center's "Spring Fling" Event. The mural will be installed by local NH contractor Fortes Fence and Landscape, Inc. Kim Emerson was awarded "A Hero of the District 9 Award" along with many others and given in-person by Councilman Sean Elo-Rivera, at the celebration event on January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 10. Adams Elementary No Report.
- 11. Normal Heights Elementary No Report

ADAMS PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS - Fernando Jumillas, OCA Center Director - Introduced himself as the new OCA Center Director. He reported on the upcoming Spring activities, such as soccer, Peewee, 10u Division, and that they were almost finished with the 10u basketball season and continuing adult ceramics class on Fridays. Also, March 29, 2024, will be the day of their Spring Egg Hunt Event. At the event there will be an egg hunt, games, a jumpy, and the Humane Society will be participating. He announced that

Spring Camp begins the first week of April. He stated that the continuing issue with Ana Sanchez, the homeless person at the Adams Recreation Center's front entrance door, is a persistent and unfortunate problem.

<u>CRG Chair's Report</u> – Jim Baross reported that he established a Google Group email list for the CRG that includes all who are voted members, staff, and other interested community members from Normal Heights in hopes to get more people involved with the CRG. Jim reminded us about the upcoming annual **Adams Avenue Street Fair** happening September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. He stated that it would be great to have a CRG presence, like a booth or table in front, and possibly an **Open House** of the Adams Rec Center that promotes the great things that happen at the Adams Rec Center. Jim reported about an event that he attended which links to public recreation amenities PowerPoint, to help understand how the study evaluates parks space and amenities by community.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Jim Baross adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** – The next Adams Community Recreation Group meeting will be on Tuesday, March 26, 2023, in person and via Zoom.

Submitted by Fernando Jumillas, OCA Center Director.

This information is available in an alternative format upon request. Please contact Fernando Jumillas 619-235-1149.