

City of San Diego  
Parks and Recreation Department  
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group  
Meeting Minutes  
**Monday, June 10, 2024**

**“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  
Consuelo Delgadillo  
Rosa Ruesga  
Felipe Muro

**City Staff:**

Francisco Castruita, Area Manager  
Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director  
Mari Jo Ricanor, Recreation Center Director  
Carlos Lacarra, San Diego Police CRO

**Members Absent:**

David Guerrero  
Felipe Muro  
Ricky Duran

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Martin Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Introductions were made around the table for those in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 8, 2024, MINUTES:**

- **MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (R. Ruesga/F. Muro) to accept the minutes as presented with the following corrections: Felipe Muro is mentioned twice as ‘Present’ and ‘Absent’. His name will be removed from the ‘Members Absent’ to ‘Members Present’. The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstention.

**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:**

None

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:**

- San Ysidro Dumpster Drop-off will take place on June 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 125 Cypress Drive, San Ysidro, CA. 92173
- A letter was sent to District Attorney’s office regarding eliminating illegal taxicab business also known as ‘Wildcatting’ happening in San Ysidro.
- Beyer Park: Notice to proceed was issued to contractor on 5/28/24 to begin contract work. No construction has taken place. Anticipated work to start July 2024.
- Willow Bridge: Service from electrical cabinets were removed by SDGE under the bridge for a few years due to vandalism. Recently, the City has been working with SDGE to establish a new service point and other power options.

- Camino De La Plaza Street Widening: BLUE's administrative hearing for development permit violations at 4051 Camino De La Plaza will be completed by the end of the month. The Hearing Officer will determine the next steps and BLUE will keep the case open until all corrections are completed.

**SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:**

- Violent crimes have increased.
- Assistant Chief Scott Wahl was promoted to the new Chief of Police for the City of San Diego on June 7.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

None

**BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT:**

Robert Lara reported the most recent financial RCF Budget to Actuals report to everyone for SYCAC. Mari Jo Ricanor will report RCF Budget to Actuals at next month's meeting.

**BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:**

None

**SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:**

Felipe Muro reported that Comsports are currently working on putting together a soccer tournament in San Ysidro. It will be the Villa Cup Rick Duran Soccer Tournament. It will take place on August 2-3 at Cesar Solis Community Park. Currently, they have 950 registered participants, and hope to complete 80 games in 2 days.

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:**

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

- Hearts and Hand's organization has leased the City's former Community Service Center, along San Ysidro Boulevard. The San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce have moved out to another location.
- The organization is still seeing an increase in food distribution to the community at the Community Service Center, Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and at Las America's Outlets.

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:**

Area Manager Francisco Castruita reported the following:

- Pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24 to discuss the construction project at the San Ysidro Community Activity Center.
- Howard Lane Neighborhood Park is currently in the design phase for the new playground. On May 24, this project was presented to students at Nicoloff Elementary School. Once information is gathered, the project will come back to the CRG for discussion.
- Summer has kept staff very busy with various activities, programming and special events occurring at each recreation facility.
- Speed bumps were recently installed at the San Ysidro Senior Citizen's parking lot. At both entrances, these speed bumps will assist in slowing down vehicles who drive fast in the parking lot.
- Lights were replaced from yellow low pressure sodium lights to white LED lights at the San Ysidro Tennis Courts.

Recreation Center Director Mari Jo Ricanor reported the following for Cesar Chavez Community Center:

- The Summer Lunch and Snack Program for youth ages up to 17 years old will run June 10 to July 26. Lunch is served 12:30 p.m. and snack is served at 3:30 p.m. Meals are distributed Monday to Friday.
- Soccer season is completed. City wide tournament took place on June 8 at Cesar Solis Community Park. Pee Wee teams played exhibition games and both 12u and 16u teams took 1<sup>st</sup> place.
- Citywide volleyball tournament will take place on June 21 and 22.
- Staff is now taking sign up for the upcoming softball and futsal season.
- Nature Camp will run June 10 to June 14.
- Summer Camp will run June 10 to July 26.
- Teen Nites will run June 28 to August 9.
- Movies in the Park will take place in the enclosed field on July 19. Movie starts at dusk.

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

- Staff is now taking registrations for the upcoming softball and futsal seasons.
- Staff will chaperone 10 kids on a Deep-Sea Fishing trip scheduled for June 12
- Staff will be distributing Summer Lunch meals to kids Monday to Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
- Soccer and volleyball season has concluded. Staff are planning banquets for players and their families to attend to celebrate a great season.
- The Presidential General Election will be relocated to the San Ysidro Senior Center due to anticipated ADA improvements to take place at SYCAC.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Consuelo announced the upcoming Casa Familiar ‘Abrazo 5k run/walk’ taking place at Las Americas Outlets. The event will take place on June 29.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Martin Ortega adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday July 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.  
San Ysidro Community Activity Center  
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Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

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Recreation Center Director

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Area Manager

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Martin Ortega  
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