

City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Department
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 12, 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
Jonathan Rascon, Swimming Pool Manager
Carlos Lacarra, San Diego Police CRO
Giancarlo Lopez, Council District 8 Representative
John Ide, Transportation/Urban Forestry
Olivia Mabec, Transportation/Urban Forestry

Members Absent:

David Guerrero
Ricky Duran

Guests:

Maria Perez

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Martin Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Introductions were made around the table for those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 10, 2024, MINUTES:

- **MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (F. Muro/C. Delgadillo) to accept the minutes as presented. 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:

Due to Legislative recess, Giancarlo has nothing to report.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

- ‘National Night Out’ took place on August 6 at the Robert Egger South Bay Recreation Center. Very well attended, with over 2,000 people at the event. This National Night Out is one of the largest in San Diego County.
- Chief of Police Scott Wahl has made changes to the department structurally as of August 3. A new Commander position was created and there were several promotions of Assistant Chief, Captains, Lieutenants and Sergeants.
- Southern Division has a new Captain, Albert Leos. Captain Martha Sines was assigned to Mid-City Division.

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 held a soccer tournament called ‘The Villa Cup Ricky Duran Soccer Tournament’. It took place on August 3 at Cesar Solis Community Park. It was well attended with 500 registrants and 54 teams. Age divisions ranged from 8 and under to over 45 years old division. The tournament spanned 10 fields. Comsports is planning the next Villa Bowl within the next 6 months.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

Consuelo Delgadillo of ‘Helping Hands Working Together’ reported the following:

- The organization is still seeing an increase in food distribution to the community at the Community Service Center. The Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is distributing food to over 400 people and at Las America’s Outlets, Hearts and Hands distributes food to 700-850 people.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Francisco Castruita reported the following:

- Coral Gate Neighborhood Park project is underway. The project includes upgrades of park amenities such as a new playground, walkways, and park lighting. Project cost is approximately \$3,1500.00. Scheduled completion is early 2025.
- San Ysidro Community Activity Center site improvement project is scheduled to start with the next few weeks. Staff is waiting to work out the final details on the daily operations of the facility during construction.
- The lighting project at Vista Pacifica is going through a slight delay. Lights that were ordered were the wrong size base and will have to be reordered. Staff is hopeful lights will be installed by September.
- Beyer Community Park update meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 24. Start date will be discussed.
- Valentin Briones, Grounds Maintenance Worker II is currently assigned to the Cesar Chavez Community Center/Larsen Field. He was recently nominated and selected as the Employee of the Quarter for our department. Staff congratulates Valentin for winning this award.

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

- Girls' Softball season concluded this week. The 15u team will play at City wide Championships at Silverwing Recreation Center on Saturday, August 17.
- Futsal season is currently finishing up their league games. Staff is hoping their teams will advance and play at the City wide tournament held on Friday, August 23, and Saturday August 24. Staff currently has teams in all age divisions: Pee Wee, 10u, 12u, 14u and 16u.
- 'Teen Nites' had another successful run from June 28 to August 9. Staff averaged a total of 65 kids signed up daily to participate in various activities.
- Staff is serving free dinner meals to youth ages 1 to 18 years old, Monday through Friday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by Heaven's Window, a recognized Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).
- The Coed softball league on Thursday evenings will end the season on August 15. Playoff and Championship games will be held in the next couple weeks.
- Staff worked with Council District 8 office to hold the monthly 'Dumpster Drop-off' at Boston Ave. at Larsen Field. The event ran from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

- There were 75 participants in our youth sports summer program. 24 of those played in the 12u and 15u softball league. 51 participants are playing Futsal.
- Staff ran a very successful summer camp with a total of 107 participants through 6 weeks which brought in \$4,140.00 in registrations.
- Fall 2024 classes will open for registrations this Saturday August 17.
- City of San Diego facilities will be closed on Monday September 2 in observance of Labor Day.
- The Presidential General Polls will be held at the San Ysidro Senior Center from Saturday, October 26 – Tuesday, November 5.

Swimming Pool Manager Jonathan Rascon reported the following for Vista Terrace Pool:

- Pool operating hours for the Fall season started on August 12.
- Vista Terrace is hosting CVLCC High School Men's Water Polo team Monday through Friday 3:45 to 5:45 p.m.
- Public lap and recreation swim will be Tuesdays 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Thursdays 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Vista Terrace Pool's Water Polo team has returned after 1 year absence and their first practice was on August 12.
- 4 of 5 Summer swim lesson sessions were grant funded by SD Park Foundation (S1 & 2) and SD Retired Employee Association (S3 & 4) offering \$5.00 swim lessons for 4 hours of instruction. \$10,000 of grant funding was awarded for students taught during S1 through 4. 150 students were taught per session.
- Swim lessons will continue through the Fall until November 8. 3 sessions total will run for 3 weeks, 3 times a week Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Registration cost is \$54.00 and can be paid in person and online.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Infrastructure Priorities Survey- Council District 8.
Giancarlo presented to everyone a spreadsheet that needed input of future projects within Council District 8. He requested that everyone submit their ideas before the August 15 deadline.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

1. Trees for Communities- City of San Diego Urban Forestry
John Ide and Olivia Mabec from Transportation and Urban Forestry presented a PowerPoint describing Urban Forestry and ‘Trees for Communities’ program. They also informed everyone the program would be coming to San Ysidro soon and wanted to promote the program to residents to be part of the tree planting opportunity.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING:

Monday September 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
San Ysidro Community Activity Center
179 Diza Road, San Ysidro, CA 92173
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Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

Mari Jo Ricanor
Recreation Center Director

Francisco Castruita
Area Manager

Martin Ortega
Chairperson