

City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Department
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 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:

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San Ysidro, CA 92173

Members Present:

Consuelo Delgadillo
Felipe Muro
Juan Lopez

City Staff:

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

Members Absent:

David Guerrero
Ricky Duran
Martin Ortega
Rosa Ruesga

Guests:

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Martin Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Introductions were made around the table for those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 14, 2024, MINUTES:

- **MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (F. Muro/J. Lopez) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with 2 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:

Robert Lara read the report on behalf of Giancarlo Lopez, CD8 Representative:

Press Conference

- Press conference with Border Transportation Council, MTS, District Attorney's office, and City Council Offices to curb Wildcatting was held last week.
- This is aimed to help licensed taxicab operators and increase safety.

Environmental Services Department - Trash study

- ESD will be hosting its second round of public forums in November. This time around, the southern portion of District 8, specifically at the San Ysidro Library on November 26 at 5:30.
- The City's Trash Study comes because of the passage of Measure B in 2022, amending the "People's Ordinance" to allow the City to charge a cost-recovery fee for trash and recycling collection services. Such a fee would apply to approximately 285,000 residential properties currently serviced by the City. This includes single-family homes and residential complexes of four or fewer units that meet City requirements for City-provided trash and recycling collection. Currently, these properties do not directly pay for trash and recycling collection, while residents in apartment complexes and those with homeowner associations, for example, do pay private waste collection companies for these services.

WWII Memorial

- Our office is working with Jack Gechter and the South Bay Historical Society Memo to the mayor about the WWII Memorial.

A.B. 413

- Drivers will no longer be allowed to park within 20 feet of an intersection all across California starting Jan. 1, but city officials say they don't plan to start issuing citations in San Diego until March 1.
- Between now and then, crews will continue to remove meters near intersections, paint curbs red in those areas, post "no parking" signs and try to educate people about the new law, AB 413.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

- Prop 36 passes on the California ballot, calling for harsher penalties for theft and drug crimes.
- Measure E did not pass, which would have increased the City of San Diego's sales tax by one percent.
- November 28 is a Thanksgiving holiday and City facilities are closed.
- Deputy Police Chief Paul Connelly has been selected as the new Police Chief for the City of Coronado.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

As everyone is preparing for the holidays, Martin wishes everyone a safe holiday and New Year.

BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT:

Robert Lara and Mari Jo Ricanor reported the most recent financial RCF Budget to Actuals report to everyone for SYCAC.

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:

None

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

Felipe Muro reported that Comsports 'Villa Bowl' is scheduled to take place in February 15-16, 2025, at Cesar Solis Community Park. He is inviting everyone to come and check out the event.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

Juan Lopez of A.I.C.I. informed everyone that he has been informed by participants that Senior activities are continuing to be offered at the Senior Center and there has been an increase in attendance because of the activities being offered. Thank you to Jackie Hernandez for overseeing and making sure they continue.

Consuelo Delgadillo of Hearts and Hands informed everyone that there has not been a food distribution for 3 months since the program left Mt. Carmel Church as a food distribution site. On December 3, the event will take place at the San Ysidro Public Library parking lot. It will be the first Tuesday of every month and is one block away from the old location. Hearts and Hands currently serves 400-450 people with food and has 40 volunteers helping the event.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Francisco Castruita reported the following:

- Coral Gate Neighborhood Park project is currently underway with no delay. Scheduled completion is early June 2025.
- Beyer Park project is also progressing forward with no delays.
- Staff purchased 10 cubic yards of fill dirt to cover up ruts on athletic fields at Larsen Field. We expect some ruts from the carnival moving out.
- The SYCAC project has been delayed. We are waiting official word as to when the project will get started.
- Thank you, Robert and the park staff who worked the primary election polls, with no issues to report.
- Microgrid project at Cesar Chavez will start Friday, December 2, 2024. The project was introduced to the CRG group at a meeting in September 2021.

Recreation Center Director Jacqueline Hernandez reported the following for San Ysidro Senior Center:

- Karaoke is the most popular program out of all programs being offered with 50 participants registered.
- Zumba is being offered on Tuesday and Thursday. Yoga is being offered on Monday and Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Knitting class has currently 12 to 13 participants and Loteria is always full of 20 as the maximum allowed in enrollment.
- Workshops for Seniors this month are Diabetes and Fraud Prevention lecture.

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

- Staff is hosting Pee Wee and 14 and under flag football games at Larsen Field. Staff is currently coaching flag football for ages 5 to 16 years old. League play will take place at South Bay and Silverwing Recreation Center. Leagues will end in December.
- Youth Volleyball and Flag Football leagues will end the season in December. Staff is anticipating their teams will advance and participate at City wide tournaments for both sports.
- Halloween Carnival took place on October 25 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. inside the gym. There were 250 in attendance. Activities that took place were face painting, arts and crafts, cupcake walk, jump house, carnival games, cupcake walk, DJ and costume contest.
- Turkey Trot event will take place on November 26 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Larsen Field.
- The Carnival that took place at Larsen Field from November 14 to 17 did not generate a lot of revenue. Ticket sales were low; however, they plan on returning in the spring with better turnout.
- Santa's Workshop will take place on Saturday, December 14 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

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

- The Presidential General Polls were held at the San Ysidro Senior Center from October 26 to November 5. Just over 600 ballots were cast on the final day.

- Staff will host their annual Turkey Bingo on Thursday, November 21. The event is open to youth ages 17 years and younger. Participants will play bingo for a chance to win a pie or complete turkey dinner depending on the difficulty of the game played. The bingo games will start at 5:30 p.m.
- One of the two 12u volleyball teams are advancing to league playoffs which will be played on November 19 at South Bay Recreation Center.
- Pee Wee, 10u and 14u division flag football teams will have a few more games to play for their regular season. The Citywide tournament will be held on December 14 at Robb Field.
- City facilities will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday November 29.
- A community forum for urban forestry ‘trees for communities’ will be held on December 11 at 6:00 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

1. FY26 RCF Budgets (Cesar Chavez CC and San Ysidro CAC)
 2. FY26 Opportunity Fund Budget Proposals (Cesar Chavez CC and San Ysidro CAC)
- MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (F. Muro/J. Lopez) to approve the FY26 Budgets and OFF Proposals as presented. The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstention.

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Rosa Ruesga adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday February 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
 San Ysidro Senior Center
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Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

 Mari Jo Ricanor
 Recreation Center Director

 Francisco Castruita
 Area Manager

 Martin Ortega
 Chairperson