

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**ADAMS RECREATION COMMUNITY GROUP**  
**MINUTES/PUBLIC MEETING**  
*In Person and Via Zoom*  
Tuesday, March 28, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Kim Emerson, NHUA  
Dennis Reiter- Member

**STAFF**

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II  
Miranda Church, Center Director I  
Jenny Hall, Community Relations Officer  
Ben Mendoza – CD9 Representative (left the meeting at 6:28 p.m.)  
Lydia Marshall – Assistant Civil Engineer, City of San Diego

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Nancy Lawler – member more than 3 absentees  
Mark Lawler – member more than 3 absentees  
Ducote Contreras – VOLO  
Connie Terwilliger-Ward Canyon Waggers

**GUESTS**

Natasha Giurato  
Jacob Koopmann  
Allan Harjala  
Madi Parelman  
Cassandra Neunhaus  
Isabella Neuenhaus  
Pam Raney  
Ellen Stone  
Gary Weber

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Secretary Kim Emerson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Kim Emerson/Dennis Reiter) to approve minutes from January 24, 2023, as presented. Special note there was no quorum for meeting in February 2023. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (2-0-0).

**COMMUNICATIONS** (*limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to five (5) minutes and is not debatable*). None

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** - As “acting” chair for this meeting only, Kim Emerson is seeking more people of the Normal Heights community to attend meetings and become members of the Adams Recreation Community Group.

**ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **San Diego Police/Community Relations Officer** – Jenny Hall reported herself and staff are doing the best they can to contact homeless encampments. There have been

a lot of follow ups and work shifts have changed. They have more patrols driving around the area.

2. **City Council District 9 Representative** – No Report
3. **San Diego Library**- No Report
4. **Mid-City Little League** No Report
5. **VOLO** – No Report
6. **Normal Heights Community Association** – No Report
7. **Ward Canyon Waggers**- Connie was not present but reported via email stating: No trash pick-up at Ward Canyon in March due to rain. We are planning for a trash pick on April 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – meet at small dog area to get long handled pickers, gloves, and bags if you don't have your own.
8. **Normal Heights Urban Arts** – Kim Emerson reported the mosaic mural project for the Adams Recreation Center, entitled “Kaleidoscope of Butterflies”, will be going into assembly and production phase soon in her studio. There will be future hands-on activities scheduled for community members to be invited to the Recreation Center to place tiles in the mosaic design. Kim will coordinate with Miranda, Center Director, on dates.
9. **Normal Heights Community Planning Group**- No Report
10. **Adams Elementary**- No Report
11. **Normal Heights Elementary**- No Report

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS**

1. **Miranda Church, Center Director** – Miranda reported the recent Adopt a Dog Day went well and the Humane Society that was there was able to microchip many cats and dogs for free. Programs currently being offered at Adams Recreation Center, arts and crafts, ceramics for adults and kids, and youth soccer.
2. **Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager** – Michele reported we are working on repairing minor maintenance on the building. She also reintroduced the Center Director Miranda to new attendees. Michele stated we will try to vote to elect a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson in the upcoming meetings. Kim Emmerson has agreed to stay as Secretary.

**ACTION ITEMS** Consent (Items are adopted without discussion) – None.

**ACTION ITEMS** Adoption (Each item requires individual action)

1. Officers nomination: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary. No action taken, tabled for April's meeting.

#### **WORKSHOP ITEMS**

1. Ward Canyon Park GDP Updates: Lydia Marshal, Assistant Civil Engineer, presented information about the General Development Plan (GDP) for Ward Canyon Park. She

gave updates about timelines for the current phase of the GDP that includes the abandoned building at Ward Canyon Park that will be demolished within 12 months, the acquisition by the city of the Caltrans land adjacent to the I-15, and that there will be the need of community input for 30% of the new recreation building, and all this to happen within 1 1/2 years. There was discussion about the future community garden and dog park. Lydia will make corrections to the CRG's Fact Sheet about the GDP.

**INFORMATION ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Kim Emerson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next Adams Community Recreation Group meeting will be on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, in person at Adams Recreation Center.

Submitted by *Miranda Church*

Miranda Church, Recreation Center Director I

Approved by *Michele Chicarelli*

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II

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