

City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
Azalea Community Recreation Group
Minutes
September 24, 2024
4:00 p.m.

MEETING TIME/LOCATION

A regular meeting of the Azalea Community Recreation Group was held at 4:00 p.m. at Azalea Recreation Center, 2596 Violet Street, San Diego, CA 92105.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Thomas Herman, Chairperson
Linda Pennington, Corresponding Secretary
Agnes Conradt, Azalea Seniors

Staff Present

Jorge Mendez, Center Director I
Raul Contreras Area Manager

Members Absent

T. Herman, Vice-Chairperson

Guest

Daniele Laman

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Herman called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m., with three (3) voting members in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION-IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED (A. Conradt/L. Pennington) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2024. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 2-0-0.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

None

COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

None

STAFF REPORTS

Center Director

Jorge Mendez reported on the following:

- Movie in The Park "Migration" on Friday August 16th
- Facility Improvement(s)- new sink installed, new LED lights on outdoor basketball court.
- Opportunity Fund FY25 money used for Fall Carnival and Snow Day.
- Youth Flag Football-Centers are struggling to across District 41 to recruit kids.
- New Staff (Recreation Aides Brianna Mar and Anthony Hawkins Jr.)

Area Manager

Area Manager Raul Contreras reported on the following:

1. PARKS AFTER DARK WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH OVER 37,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE FIVE SITES FOR 8-WEEKS WITH 7,275 ATTENDEES IN CITY HEIGHTS.
2. MID-AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL WAS HELD ON 9/14 WITH 350 ATTENDING THE MULTICULTURAL EVENT.
3. NEXT SPECIAL EVENT IN ARE:
 - IS ROCK CLIMBING BLOCK PARTY AT TERALTA PARK ON OCTOBER 5TH FROM 10AM-4PM.
 - ON DECEMBER 14TH FROM 1-5PM AT TERALTA PARK WE WILL BE PARTNERING WITH CITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON A WINTER EXTRAVEGANZA EVENT.
 - MECHANICAL CARNIVAL ON OCTOBER 31 THRU NOVEMBER 3RD AT CHUV.
 - DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ON NOVEMBER 2ND AT OJHMP.
 - ASSEMBLY MEMBER TURKEY GIVEAWAY ON NOVEMBER 23RD FROM 10AM-2PM AT PDLC. 1400 TURKEYS.
 - COASTAL CLEANUP ON SEPTEMBER 21ST FROM 9AM-12PM AT AZALEA.
 - VARIOUS HALLOWEEN CARNIVALS – CH 10/25 AT MCG; PDLC 10/26 10-12PM; AZ 10/23 2-5PM
 - AZALEA WINTER WONDERLAND DECEMBER 11 FROM 2-5PM
4. MAINTENANCE
 - ALL PLAYGROUNDS IN AREA ARE ALMOST REPAINTED WITH THE USE OF VOLUNTEER GROUPS.
 - MULCHING OF ALL ARE PARK SHRUB AND PLANTER BEDS TO ELIMINATE NEED TO BE CONSTANTLY DE-WEEDING.
 - DOWN ONE GMWII AND WE WILL BE UPGRADING ONE POSITION TO A GMWIII.
5. POOL STATUS – BOILER WENT DOWN ON 9/15 AND POOL WILL OPERATE UNTIL TEMPERATURES DROP BELOW REQUIRED. STAFF IS CONTINUING TO WORK TO PROCURE AND INSTALL REPLACEMENT BOILER.
6. STREETS DIVISION STAFF IS IN THE AREA CONVERTING PARK SECURITY LIGHTS TO LED WHICH THEY'VE DONE SO AT AZALEA BB COURT AND PARKING LOT.
7. NEW JOINT USE SCHOOL SITE COMING ON-LINE NEXT YEAR AT ROWAN ES.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

None

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE REPORT

None

PARK REPORTS BY MEMBERS

Linda reported that the fence at the conservation garden was down. Area Manager Raul looking to replace fence. Linda also reported that we had 3 homeless at Azalea Park one of them being Umberto.

INFORMATION ITEM

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson, Thomas Herman adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

To be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Jorge Mendez
Center Director I