

City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Department
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 9, 2026

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Held at:

San Ysidro Senior Center
125 E. Park Ave.
San Ysidro, CA 92173

Mailing Address is:

125 E. Park Ave.
San Ysidro, CA 92173

Members Present:

Consuelo Delgadillo
Martin Ortega
Juan Lopez
Rosa Ruesga

City Staff:

Francisco Castruita, Area Manager
Mari Jo Ricanor, Recreation Center Director
Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director
Jonathan Rascon, Vista Terrace Pool Manager
Jesse Robles, Vista Terrace Pool Staff

Members Absent:

Ricky Duran
Felipe Muro
David Guerrero

Guests:

Manuel Lopez

CALL TO ORDER:

CRG Chairperson Martin Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Introductions were made around the table for those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026 MINUTES:

- **MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (J. Lopez/C. Delgadillo) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with 2 ayes, 0 nays and 1 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:

Rodrigo Morales reported the following:

- Coral Gate Neighborhood Park: City staff are working on park lighting issues. Should be resolved soon.
- San Ysidro Tennis Court: Lighting issues and repairs are being addressed and should be resolved by next month.
- An announcement will be made on behalf of Councilwoman Vivian Moreno regarding a date set for a proclamation on behalf of Francisco Castruita.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER DISTRICT 80 REPORT:

Robert Lara reported that on March 14 from 10:00-11:00am a ‘Community Coffee’ with David Alvarez, District 80 will take place at El Rincon Restaurant in San Ysidro. Everyone is invited to attend.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

Community Relations Officer Carlos Edington reported the following:

- Introduced himself as the CRO for the San Ysidro community. Carlos Lacarra retired in January 2026. Officer Edington is familiar with the San Ysidro area and will be happy to answer any questions members may have.
- Please use the 'Get it Done' application on your cell phone or computer to notify police of any homeless encampments they encounter in San Ysidro, as well as any issues that would need police attention.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

None

BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT:

- Robert Lara reported to everyone most recent financial San Ysidro RCF Budget to Actuals report.
- Mari Jo Ricanor reported to everyone most recent financial Larsen Field RCF Budget to Actuals report.

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:

None

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

None

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

- Consuelo of Hearts and Hands announced to everyone that the Free monthly food distribution taking place at Mt. Carmel Church will be ending soon, and they are looking for a new location to distribute within the San Ysidro area.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Francisco Castruita reported the following:

- All area construction projects are moving forward with no significant issues that would delay the construction.
 - San Ysidro Community Activity Center: No official date of opening. Thanked Robert for handling area duties during his absence.
 - Beyer Neighborhood Park: Opening tentatively in June/July 2026.
 - Coral Gate Neighborhood Park: Park/Playground upgrades have completed. Park is open to the public.
- Last day of assignment as Area Manager will be on April 10. No information at this time as to who will be the Out of Class Assignment staff replacing Francisco.
- Thanked everyone present at the meeting for attending and serving the San Ysidro community. It was a pleasure working with everyone.

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

- Currently working out of the San Ysidro Teen Center until SYCAC is ready to reopen.
- Staff are currently coaching 2 Pee Wee, 1-10u and 1-14u youth basketball teams from the Teen Center.
- Staff attended Open House events at Smythe and La Mirada schools promoting and marketing programming and facility operations of SYCAC.

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

- Introduced Jesse Robles as the new staff at VT.
- Pool hours have extended. Please see City of SD Pool website for more information on hours and programming.
- Swimming lessons for youth are ongoing.
- Parent-Tot swimming classes are ongoing.
- Jr. Water Polo program is a new program staff is running.
- Handed out flyers containing 'June Bloom' summer kick-off event on June 7.

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

- Youth Basketball season is ongoing. Playoffs and Citywide tournament will take place within the next two weeks.

- Spring Egg Hunt will take place for the community on Saturday April 4 at 10:00 a.m.
- Free Afterschool meals given to youth remain ongoing Monday-Friday starting at 2:30 p.m. until food is gone.
- February 14 active net registration opened for Spring 2026 programs and classes Citywide to the public online.
- Staff will be conducting a spring day camp in the last week of March and the first week of April.
- City parks and facilities will be closed in observance of the Cesar Chavez day holiday on March 31.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Manuel Lopez introduced himself to everyone as a member of the community. He wanted to start attending monthly meetings. Staff will record his attendance, and he can request membership after attending his third consecutive meeting.
- Robert handed out Resident Budget surveys that contained a QR code for those interested in participating in the survey.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Martin Ortega adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
 San Ysidro Senior Center
 125 East Park Avenue, San Ysidro, CA 92173
 (619) 534-3377

Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

Mari Jo Ricanor
 Recreation Center Director

Francisco Castruita
 Area Manager

Martin Ortega
 Chairperson