

City of San Diego
La Jolla Community Recreation Group
Minutes for May 27, 2026

Call to Order: 5:03 pm - Alan Dulgeroff

Board Members Present: Alan Dulgeroff, Jan Harris, Pat Miller, Mary Munk (5:12 pm), Jill Peters, Amy Spielman, Anne Wiklund

Board Members Absent: John Wiggins, Karen Wiggins

Staff: Nicholas Volpe - Recreation Center Director II, Joaquin Quintero - Community Representative

Guests: Elisabeth Frausto (Media), Ashley Mackin-Solomon (Media), Stephanie Silverberg

Approval of the Minutes: Motion was made by Amy Spielman, Second Pat Miller to approve the May 6, 2026 Emergency Meeting Minutes: (for: Pat Miller, Jill Peters, Amy Spielman, Anne Wiklund; against: none; abstain: Alan Dulgeroff, Jan Harris) 4-0-2. Motion passed.

Non-Agenda Public Comments: Stephanie Silverberg introduced herself as a mom in the community who is a frequent user at the Rec Center with her children; she is interested to know more about the board.

Requests for Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda: none

Committee Reports: none

Council District One Report (Joaquin Quintero): Joaquin Quintero mentioned a Special City Council meeting tonight at 6:30 pm; people can submit written comments regarding retaining the full 60 hours per week at the Rec Center. He provided instructions for those that were interested in attending the meeting via Zoom.

Chairperson's Report: Alan Dulgeroff shared that the City's latest proposal is to keep the Rec Center open, which is a huge existential success. He thanked everyone for their tremendous advocacy and the difference that it made. He also highlighted that so many people care about the Rec Center, and it's a gathering place for all ages to keep active. His hope is that the Rec Center can stay open with full hours and appreciates the Media and all those who continue to advocate with council members.

Group Member Comments: none

Parks and Recreation Staff Reports:

Nicholas Volpe - Recreation Center Director II: Nick expressed his appreciation for all those that spoke out to keep the Rec Center doors open. He highlighted all the current Rec Center programs being offered, with program information available online and/or in the pamphlet located near the front office. These programs include Parents Night Out, Soccer, Babysitting, Karate, Play Fairy, and After School Program. He shared that they have new dumbbells and equipment in the gym, some of which were donated and others purchased. Movies in the Park in October is going to be Toy Story 5. They are also implementing open play hours for Basketball, Ping Pong, and Pickle Ball. Nick also highlighted that permits at the park continue to be very reasonable, with no changes to the fees.

Information Items:

101. Community Participation in the City of San Diego Budget Review – Alan Dulgeroff

Alan shared that the Emergency Meeting and community advocacy was impactful in keeping the Rec Center open. It is good news that through deliberation, the budget was reallocated to keep the Rec Center open. Where we stand with the current budget challenge is with reduced hours at around 33% - 60 to 40 hours per week. There continues to be opportunities to advocate, including a City Council Meeting this evening at 6:30 pm which Alan plans to join by Zoom. The current budget is a draft and the finalized budget is not due until June, so there is still an opportunity. A board member mentioned the idea of potentially raising funds to increase hours, and Mary Munk provided some history on this from previous board experiences. Jan discussed prioritizing hours that generate revenue and stressed that the Rec Center could lose programs if hours are cut during those times. Accordingly, Alan emphasized that the goal and advocacy should be to retain all 60 hours. The group agreed to defer discussion on hours until the final budget allocation is confirmed.

Action Items: none

Workshops: none

Adjournment:

- Motion was made by Anne Wiklund, Second Jill Peters to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 pm: (for: Jan Harris, Pat Miller, Mary Munk, Jill Peters, Amy Spielman, Anne Wiklund; against: none; abstain: Alan Dulgeroff) 6-0-1.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: June 24, 2026 (tentative), in-person at the Rec Center
(615 Prospect Street, La Jolla, CA 92037)**

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