

City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Department
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 11, 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:

Felipe Muro
Placido Villarreal
Juan Lopez

City Staff:

Robert Lara, Area Manager OCA
Mari Jo Ricanor, Recreation Center Director, Larsen Field
Susana Torrez, Recreation Center Director, S.Y. Teen Center
Jackie Hernandez, Recreation Center Director, S.Y. Senior Center
Jonathan Rascon, Pool Manager, Vista Terrace
Carlos Edington, San Diego Police, Community Relations

Members Absent:

Ricky Duran
Rosa Ruesga
David Guerrero
Martin Ortega
Consuelo Delgadillo

Guests:

Manuel Lopez

CALL TO ORDER:

CRG Board member Felipe Muro called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Introductions were made around the table for those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 13, 2026 MINUTES:

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

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Manuel Lopez informed staff he attended three consecutive CRG meetings to become a member.

- **MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (J. Lopez/P. Villarreal) to accept Mr. Lopez as requested. The motion was carried with 2 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstention.

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:

None

ASSEMBLYMEMBER DISTRICT 80 REPORT:

None

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

Community Relations Officer Carlos Edington reported the following:

- Casa Familiar located at 147 West San Ysidro Boulevard, is hosting a free workshop called Border Tongues / Lenguas Fronterizas, on June 13 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. The workshop involves writing about bilingualism and the border.
- Officers recently increased enforcement at the San Ysidro and Otay Mesa border crossings to target so-called “wildcatters” — unregulated drivers who offer rides to pedestrians without proper permits, insurance, or background checks.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

None

BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT:

- Susana Torrez reported to everyone most recent financial RCF Budget to Actuals report for the San Ysidro Community Activity Center which includes budget expenditures of the San Ysidro teen center and senior center.
- Mari Jo Ricanor reported to everyone most recent financial RCF Budget to Actuals report for San Ysidro Larsen Field Community Center.

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:

None

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

Placido Villarreal of South Bay FC reported the following:

- The Spring League is ongoing with 48 teams aged 6 to 14 years old playing at Cesar Solis Community Park and the older age divisions will start soon.

Felipe Muro of Comsports reported the following:

- They are looking to host the Ricky Duran Villa Cup on August 8 and are looking for venues to host the event.
- They are in the process of obtaining office space at the San Ysidro Community Service Center.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

None

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager OCA Robert Lara reported the following:

- The irrigation controller was replaced at Coral Gate on April 15.
- Trees along Plantel Way at Howard Lane Neighborhood Park were trimmed the week of April 20.
- Storm drain inspections were completed. He thanked recreation staff Alexis Cecena, Gianna Dorame and Javier Hernandez for assisting and cleaning the swale at Larsen Field.
- Proposed Parks and Recreation Budget Adjustments
 - Fiscal Year 2027 Draft Budget Volume Covers the “Reduction of recreation center hours” (11.16 FTE) and “Pool Closures” (11.16 FTE).
 - May 13- The Mayor will release a May Revision to the draft budget based on updated economic data, additional analysis, and feedback from the City Council and members of the public.
 - The City Council will continue public hearings and deliberations before adopting the final budget on June 8, 2026.
 - Community members may visit the Department of Finance page for the most up to date budget information found at sandiego.gov.
- Project Updates
 - Larsen Field/ Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park
 - Both parks are taking part in the “Energy and Water Saving Performance Contract”. All building and ballfield lights will be converted to LEDs. Projected timeline is May – October 2026.
 - San Ysidro CAC

- A walkthrough in the evening will occur on May 12 to ensure all exterior lights are working properly. The Final Walkthrough for the San Ysidro CAC Exterior Punch List is scheduled for Friday, May 22.
 - Beyer Park
 - Phase 1 of Beyer Park is projected to be completed at the end of August 2026. A finalized log layout for “campfire” style lookout with trees that are expected to be delivered next week.
- Events
 - “I Love My Park Day”: May 23 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Robert Egger South Bay Recreation Center. A Free community event which will have dignitary speeches, performances, magic show, opportunity drawings, music, food, arts & crafts, golf, petting zoo, jumpers, soccer exhibition and 5 v 5 soccer tournament. There will be Recreation Center representations throughout the City.
 - Movies in the Park will be held at several parks this summer from May 29 – October 3, 2026.
 - Parks After Dark will take place this summer from June 5 – August 1, 2026. There will be music, entertainment, community resources, arts and crafts, inflatables, youth sports clinics, health and fitness events taking place.
 - Teen Nite Kickoff at select recreation centers will take place on June 26, 2026
- The Statewide Primary Election will be held at the San Ysidro Senior Center from Saturday, May 23 – Tuesday, June 2. Weekly senior center programs will be cancelled during this period.
- All City facilities will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

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

- Distributed a flyer containing information on pool hours, classes, holiday closures and registration information.
- Swimming lessons for youth are ongoing.
- On May 16, Vista Terrace swim team will compete at Ned Baumer Pool.
- Reminded everyone of the ‘June Bloom’ summer kick-off event on June 7.
- Informed everyone of the proposed budget for Vista Terrace pool and its’ community impact if reductions occur.

Recreation Center Director Mari Jo Ricanor reported the following for a San Ysidro Larsen Field Community Center:

- Free Afterschool meals given to youth remain ongoing Monday-Friday starting at 2:30 p.m. until food is gone.
- Staff are currently coaching youth in soccer and volleyball. League play is halfway through the season.
- Fern Street Circus Neighborhood Tour came to Larsen Field on May 2. They performed outside on the field and there were 150 in attendance.
- Staff will open registration for summer programming on May 16. Classes include Futsal, Softball and Nature Camp.
- Staff’s 10u soccer and 14u volleyball team will participate in “I Love my Parks Day” sport tournament on May 23 at Robert Egger South Bay.

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

- Senior Classes will be cancelled during the week of Elections and Ballot drop-off.
- Senior Classes of Karaoke, Loteria, Zumba and Yoga are still ongoing.
- Tennis Court is still conducting tennis classes.

Recreation Center Director Suzy Torrez reported the following for San Ysidro Teen Center and Senior Center:

- Staff are currently coaching teams in this year’s soccer and volleyball season, which is halfway completed.
- Staff’s 10u soccer teams are competing in a tournament for “I Love My Parks Day” on May 23 at South Bay Recreation Center.
- Classes opened online on May 16 for Futsal, Softball, Summer Camp, and Nature Camp.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. FY27 Recreation Center Fund Budget Edits
 - a. San Ysidro Community Activity Center and San Ysidro Larsen Field Community Center
 - Robert reported changes to SYAC budget by adding gym floor refinishing to the budget.
 - Mari Jo reported changes to the SYLF budget by transferring vendor budget and bus transportation to recreation expenses.

- Both recreation sites did not remove or add additional funding.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Felipe Muro adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday June 8, 2026, 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

Robert Lara
Area Manager OCA

Martin Ortega
Chairperson