

City of San Diego
La Jolla Community Recreation Group
Minutes for June 24, 2026

Call to Order: 5:08 pm - Alan Dulgeroff

Board Members Present: Alan Dulgeroff, Jan Harris, Pat Miller, Anne Wiklund

Board Members Absent: Mary Munk, Jill Peters, Amy Spielman

Staff: Nicholas Volpe - Recreation Center Director II, Juliette Suleiman – Area Manager, Joaquin Quintero - Community Representative

Guests: Elisabeth Frausto (Media), Ashley Mackin-Solomon (Media), Hobe Schroder, Debbie Schroder

Approval of the Minutes: Motion was made by Jan Harris, Second Pat Miller to approve the May 6, 2026 Minutes: (for: Jan Harris, Pat Miller, Anne Wiklund; against: none; abstain: Alan Dulgeroff) 3-0-1. Motion passed.

Non-Agenda Public Comments: none

Requests for Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda: none

Committee Reports: none

Council District One Report (Joaquin Quintero):

- Joaquin thanked the Board for providing feedback to the City on the proposed 2027 budget. Budget discussions have concluded, and it was adopted unanimously by City Council on June 10. He confirmed that the La Jolla Recreation Center was allocated 40 hours of operation per week (reduction from 60).
- He also shared that beginning July 1, groups will have the option to take part in public comment through the City's Organized Presentation process. Groups must provide advance notice and submit their request at least 24 hours in advance. Organized presentations allow groups to combine their allotted speaking time.

Chairperson's Report:

- Alan highlighted the strong public support for recreation centers demonstrated at the City Budget meetings and noted the many instances the community provided comment, both in person and in writing.
- Alan shared that he learned a great deal in the process including the apparent rationale behind the last-minute City decision to not fully retain the 60 hours of operation at a few recreation centers, including La Jolla. The City stated that police license plate readers would be funded instead of fully restoring all recreation center hours. Alan questioned that since the City stated the license plate readers were creating efficiencies and time savings in the Police Department, why wouldn't they fund the readers through the Police Department budget through the efficiencies and savings created, rather than reducing recreation center hours. Offsetting the costs by the savings within the same department seemed like it would have been a more logical and appropriate approach. He also restated his belief that the estimated \$80,000 in annual reduction from this recreation center reduction is de minimis compared to the significant benefits of programs and to the community.

Group Member Comments: none

Parks and Recreation Staff Reports:

Juliette Suleiman – Area Manager: Juliette provided an update regarding hours for the recreation center. Staff are awaiting next steps and further direction. She noted that the new hours are not expected to take effect immediately and will require additional input and discussion.

Nicholas Volpe - Recreation Center Director II: Nick spoke about the upcoming programs, such as Toy Story 5 on October 2 with food and games. He noted that open-play times are available for pickup basketball. He also shared there is a slight increase in permit fees.

Information Items: none

Action Items:

101. City of San Diego Budget Update and Next Steps

The board discussed next steps regarding hours of the recreation center. With community and city staff input focused on hours of greatest use and maximizing programs, the board arrived at a recommendation for the City to implement as follows.

Motion was made by Alan Dulgeroff, Second Jan Harris to recommend to the City of San Diego that they maintain all 60 or more of the hours, but if a reduction to 40 hours must be made, that according to good staff input the hours be generally aligned to:

Monday: 12pm – 4pm

Tuesday through Thursday: 10am – 6pm

Friday: 10am – 5pm

Saturday: 10am – 3pm

Sunday: same – none

with flexibility for further input from City staff and refinement.

(for: Jan Harris, Pat Miller, Anne Wiklund; against: none; abstain: Alan Dulgeroff) 3-0-1.
Motion passed.

Workshops: none

Adjournment: Motion was made by Anne Wiklund, Second Jan Harris to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 pm: (for: Jan Harris, Pat Miller, Anne Wiklund; against: none; abstain: Alan Dulgeroff) 3-0-1. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 26, 2026 (tentative), in-person at the Rec Center (615 Prospect Street, La Jolla, CA 92037)

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Anne Wiklund, LJCRG VP, Secretary

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