

PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
RANCHO BERNARDO COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP**

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

7:00pm

Minutes

**Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center
18448 West Bernardo Drive
San Diego, CA 92127
858-538-8129**

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Robin Kaufman at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was met with the following members in attendance: Robin Kaufman, Dani Antique, Emily Batten, Andy Kutzer, Kaylee Newbanks, Trevor Christensen, Michelle Castin. Staff present: Anna Sonnenburg – District Manager, Mark Moncey – Area Manager, Tonya Thomas – Center Director. Guest: Laurie Madsen, Stephanie with RBLL, Nick Carmichael with traveling league.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion made Dani Antique/Michelle Castin to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: Nick Carmicheal inquired on how to obtain field rental for the San Diego Crush travel league. Mark Moncey explained that due to cutbacks, first priorities are given to the regular user groups.

Stephanie with RBLL inquired about water issues with field 7. Mark Moncey explained there have been water issues due to the construction and non-construction issues. Construction will last until at least the fall of 2027.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE: Board members may request an item on the agenda to be continued and returned to staff by indicating the item number.

PRESIDENTS’S REPORT: Robin Kaufman reported the Park and Recreation Board meeting scheduled for tomorrow was cancelled. As for a Casa de las Campanas update: as of yesterday, Robin was informed they are waiting on a few final comments to be reviewed by the City before they can begin work. Monthly updated on the park’s CIP project is posted on the Rancho Bernardo Community Recreation Group’s page of the department’s website: <https://www.sandiego.gov/cip/project-info/project-profiles/rancho-bernardo-community-park>. Mark Moncey was notified the gym lights were left on over Labor Day weekend.

Mark and Robin did a semi walk through in the park a couple of weeks ago. It was brought to Mark’s attention that all the grass and plants from in front of the tennis courts all the way to field 9 were dead or dying as the

sprinkler system had not been on for weeks. Mark discovered the issue while on site and got the water up and running. Office staff did not report the issue. Mark was also made aware the security lights were out at the park for a couple of weeks. He reached out to the City electrician who fixed the clock timer. Office staff did not report the issue.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

FINANCIAL REPORT: We have \$95,844.33

CITY OF SAN DIEGO STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Report: Mark Moncey, RB, CMR/SS and Scripps Ranch Communities: Playground side panel and rail need to be fixed. The sidewalk additions for a full loop around the park is almost complete, water lines in the dog park are being laid, turf throughout the park was hit hard by the excessive heat wave.

Center Director Report: LaTonya Thomas, Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center: working hard to accommodate user groups with potential staff cutback.

City Councilmember Marni von Wilpert's Report: Alicia Gregory: None.

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS:

Park Talk SD: Robin Kaufman: took place Sept. 9th. 34 attended at the height of the meeting with 9 being staff members and a representative from the San Diego Park Foundation. Andy Field, the Department Director, gave an update on the restructuring of the department since July 1st. There is a 10-15% fiscal cut in the department. Updates were given on activities and projects taking place at various city parks over the summer.

Youth Sports: Field issues

Rancho Bernardo Off Leash Dog Park: Robin Kaufman - nothing to add to Mark's comments.

Ed Brown Senior Center: Lynn Wolsey, Member of Ed Brown Senior Center. Unable to attend. See below for report submitted.

Rancho Bernardo Tennis Club: Scott Davis. Unable to attend. See below for report submitted.

Rancho Bernardo Community Council: Robin Kaufman commented would come back to this if time allowed.

Rancho Bernardo Planning Board: Robin Kaufman commented would come back to this if time allowed.

ACTION ITEMS In following the procedures of the city, if any non-member has a comment on any agenda items, they will be afforded the opportunity to make a comment prior to each voting item. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes and are non-debatable.

101. Approval of recipient for Glassman Brown Recreation Leadership Award (GBRLA): Andy Kutzer presented the information to approve Brett Balazs as the recipient this year. He has served many different positions on the RBYBL (Rancho Bernardo Youth Basketball League) board throughout his 14 years with them. Brett was RBYBL President for at least 2 years, and that role included doing a large majority of what it takes to run the league and make it a great experience for the kids/ parents, which includes managing registration, parent emails, ordering and distributing uniforms, organizing tryouts, team selection, scheduling practices and games for over 20 teams with referees, ordering trophies, coordinating all-stars, and more. Motion made Andy Kutzer/Michelle Castin to approve Brett as our recipient this year. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

101. Fiscal Year 28 Draft Budget: staff presented the proposed budget this year. CRG members had many concerns due to limited funds, most specifically spending \$20,500 for the three-hour snow day in the park event. The proposed budget estimate is \$56,600, leaving \$45,900 remaining in our account. Staff will review the CRG's comments and present a revised budget at the next meeting.

102. Update on CIP Project. Refer to comments in Mark Moncey's report.

WORKSHOP:

None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made Michelle Castin/Dani Antique to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 7:00pm.
Meeting will take place at the Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center
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Ed Brown Report by Lynn Wosley:

1. We have had problems with "illegal" dumping of trash in the cans to the south of the facility. Park staff seems to have resolved the issue after several weeks of disgusting plastic bags being dropped alongside the trash cans, and for the past two weeks City staff has been seen emptying the cans during the week. Thank you to whoever is responsible for solving this problem.

2. We have worked alongside the Tennis Club to resolve the problem caused by the opening of Fields 9 and 10, adjacent to our building. Since there is no shade provided on or around the fields, parents and siblings were using our patio and restrooms before, during and after practices. They were trashing the restrooms (not flushing, clogging up the toilets, strewing paper all over the floor), writing on the picnic tables (as opposed to using paper), spreading gravel from the garden all over the patio, etc., etc. Since we have no maintenance staff to take care of these issues, we have permanently locked the gate between the fields and our patio and we are locking restrooms and the gate on the side of our building when we close for the day. Users of the Tennis Club and EBC still have access to the restrooms at all hours.

3. Now that Aztec is no longer providing weeding and pruning of the garden areas that are parallel to the parking lot, who is responsible for those areas? I was with Mark Moncey several weeks ago when he (Mark) introduced me to Sami and gave Sami (a City Parks & Rec landscape employee, I believe) instructions to prune the plants on the west side of fields 9 & 10 and mow the adjacent lawn. Since that day, the adjacent lawn has died due to lack of water, and I have not once seen Sami in the park. Is there a replacement for him?

4. As our SUP states that we are responsible for all plants within our fenced area as well as the plantings in front of our building, can we pull out the dead and dying plants and replant with natives that will thrive in this climate and that need little or no maintenance? If so, do we need special permits to do this, or can we just proceed as soon as we are able?

5. Is it possible that the Recreation Group can request an overall "parking lot clean-up" to remove all the dead leaves and debris that is collecting along the curbs throughout the park? It's not only unsightly, but it's a fire hazard, especially since we are located adjacent to open space.

Tennis Report – Scott Davis

All's good at the Tennis Club. The Club held its Annual Junior Tennis Tournament September 5th with 72 participants. We still have a waiting list of 79. Mark has been working with us on some issues we have brought to his attention the last few months regarding trees and impacting the lights. Noth other concerns. The tennis club has been in the park 1989 and has always had a large waiting list. The Ed Brown Center is a bit different as they seem to have lost approximately half their membership around the same time Kim Lang left as their director, with approximately 250.