

PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA

CITY OF SAN DIEGO RANCHO BERNARDO COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP

**Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
7:00pm**

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Members in attendance: Robin Kaufman, Dani Antique, Sally Grigoriev, Michelle Castin, Kelly Brown, Andy Kutzner, Trevor Christensen, Kaylee Newbanks, Emily Batten. Staff in attendance: Anna Sonnenburg (District Manager), Mark Moncey (Area Manager), LaTonya Thomas (Center Director). Some residents in attendance: Lynn Wolsey, Laurie Madsen, Spanky Michaelis, Linda Hickman, Daniel Hazlem and family.

Before we continued, we took a few moments to recognize Daniel Hazlem as our 2025 Glassman Brown Recreation Leadership Award recipient. Andy Kutzner and Sally Grigoriev presented the award to Daniel, followed by a few comments from our recipient.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE: None.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- We received a call about trash in the park and behind the Ed Brown Center. The latter is prominently seen by those who use the tennis courts and utilize the two new fields in the morning. The person was referred to the appropriate entity.
- We received a communication requesting information about reserving tennis courts. The person was referred to Scott Davis.
- We received a call about the holiday event being only 3 hours instead of the traditional 4 hours. It was explained that the center director made the decision without input from the CRG.
- We received an email about people letting their dogs off leash on different fields. It was suggested they call our office when they see it taking place.
- We received an email from someone asking to reserve the gym for organized basketball. They were given the office telephone number.
- We received a couple of calls regarding the holiday inflatable decorations in the recreation center being left plugged in/on overnight and throughout the weekends when no one was around. Their concerns were fire hazards. They were strongly encouraged to reach out to our office or email their concerns to city staff. I finally sent an email to staff regarding the matter after January 1st. The items were removed on Friday, January 2nd.

-We received several calls and an email regarding all the fields, sidewalks and parking lot lights off since January 1st – including from fellow CRG members. I explained to those who reached out that I had informed staff about the situation on January 1st. After not receiving any response/acknowledgement of my email to staff (center director, area manager, district manager), I reached out to them again on January 8th. Mark Moncey, our area director, informed me on January 16th that the lights were fixed that day.

-Finally, some of you may know Marc Sorensen from Scripps Ranch or at least recognize his name. Marc has been involved with the Scripps Ranch CRG for a couple of decades, holding the position of president for most of those years. As President, he accomplished a tremendous amount for his community, including being one of the dedicated volunteers instrumental in the renaming of the Scripps Ranch Community Center to the Scripps Ranch Civic Association Community Center back in 2014 and of course very active with the upgrades to Jerabek park. Marc recently hung up his President's hat. The community recognized his decades of dedication at a ceremony on December 14th, naming one of the ball fields in his honor.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Sally Grigoriev expressed concerns of how the finances will greatly impact our budget and we will have little in the future since more than half of our funds were utilized to fix the damage to the gym. Now, more than half of the existing funds are being utilized for the proposed fiscal budget.

FINANCIAL REPORT: \$107,577.34

CITY OF SAN DIEGO STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Report: Mark Moncey, RB, CMR/SS and Scripps Ranch Communities: Gave an update on the CIP park project. The staging area is by the gazebo. Security and field lights have been out since January 1st. The city is still working on them. Field renovations are on hold until the CIP project is completed. There is a new concrete pad outside the gym door and rain gutters.

Center Director Report: LaTonya Thomas, Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center: Spring event is set for April 12, 9 am through 12 pm on fields 9 and 10.

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

Community Group Reports

Park Talk SD: Robin Kaufman: Parks Talk still has very few people attending. January 7th meeting had 20 at the peak, with ¾ of attendees being staff members giving reports or there to answer questions. The only report for CP I was the upgrade project at our park (yes, while the department said they dissolved CPI and CPII, they still give reports for those areas). Surprisingly, no updates were shared for Mira Mesa's park. For those unfamiliar with it, Mira Mesa's park, just shy of 29 acres, is divided into two parcels. Just shy of 17 acres is located by New Salem and Mira Mesa Blvd. The other, almost 11 acres parcel is the Carrol School Site Neighborhood Park. Construction Cost (Agreement with PCL Construction Services, Inc.): \$43,308,127. Total Project Cost Estimate: \$ 55,124,058.00. and should be completed by this summer. This is a complete renovation, which will include everything from plumbing, plants/trees, pool, ballfields, aquatic building upgrades, fencing, playground equipment,

Youth Sports: All Leagues in attendance: Jan. 2026 field allocation meeting at 6 pm

Rancho Bernardo Community Park Dog Park: Robin Kaufman information already mentioned in Area Manager's report.

Ed Brown Senior Center: Lynn Wolsey, Executive Director Ed Brown Senior Center. There's a leak in the auditorium, awning was put up yesterday, and the grand re-opening will be in February.

Rancho Bernardo Tennis Club: Scott Davis. Not present. Informed Robin Kaufman ahead of time they have a waiting list for membership, and all is well.

Rancho Bernardo Community Council: Robin Kaufman. Busy providing support for the community. Also upgrading website, participating in the community's annual hats off to volunteers, chalk it up event is in May, busy upgrading the medians throughout the community.

Rancho Bernardo Planning Board: Robin Kaufman. Participating in the annual community hats off to volunteers, approved comments on the city's 2026 land development code, approved updates to bylaws.

ACTION ITEMS:

101. Election of officers. Presented by Dani Antique. Dani presented the following names: President: Robin Kaufman; Vice President; Kelly Batten; Secretary: Dani Antique. Motion made Michelle Castin/Trevor Christensen to accept the names and positions. Motion passed unanimously.

102. Recreation Center Fund Budget Fiscal Year 2027. Presented by: LaTonya Thomas, Center Director. Lots of questions and concerns, especially since more than half our funds were used to fix the gym floor due to flooding. Concerns brought up included:

Yoga/sound healing/meditation at \$9,600 has been removed

Basketball league has been added at \$1,300

The 21% contingency budget went from \$7,867 to \$721

The fund balance remaining went from -\$23,600 to \$2,162

As of November 2024, we had a very healthy balance of \$229,678.96. As of November 2025, and tonight, we only had \$107,577.34. It took us years (decades) to accumulate the funds. Staff's proposed 2027 budget is \$43,371, with almost \$22K of that budget going towards the 3-hour winter event, which will leave us with \$64,206.34 in our account. What will happen if we have another issue that the city expects the CRG to pay for like the flood in the gym last year which cost us over \$122K? Where would the funds come from? Can we look at cutting back on some more of the expenses of the free events we hold? For instance, the snow day in the park is priced at \$21,500. The one movie in the park is priced at \$3,000 with \$1,000 for crafts and prizes. We get very little attendance at the movies in the park. Crafts and prizes for last year, which were for 2 movies in the park, were \$1,200 and there was very little attendance at both and very little 'crafts' taking place. The egg hunt/spring fling, which gets a very healthy turn out, has supplies at \$2k, which is twice the amount for the small turn out of the movies in the park at \$1K. If we continue this way, we will only have a little more than \$20,000 for the FY 2028 budget. After much discussion and input from Anna Sonnenburg, Area Manager, a motion was made by Michell Castin/Kelly Brown to accept the revised proposal. Motion passed 8-1-0 with Robin Kaufman voting not in favor over concerns of future funds.

103. Appointment of Glassman Brown Recreation Leadership Award Ad Hoc. Presented by Robin Kaufman. Motion made Trevor Christensen/Sally Grigoriev to have Andy Kutzer and Sally Grigoriev as the ad hoc members again this year. Motion passed unanimously.

104. Election process and ad hoc appointment. Presented by Kelly Brown. Kelly commented that since the department is in the process of upgrading and changing matters for all CRG, that we hold off on the elections this year. Motion made Kelly Brown/Dani Antique to pause the process this year. Motion passed.

105. Approval of recipient of Hats Off to Volunteers: Presented by Robin Kaufman. Robin Kaufman/Michelle Castin made a motion to recognize Sally Grigoriev as the recipient for the CRG at the hats off to volunteer's event. Motion passed unanimously.

106. Pickleball lines on outdoor basketball court. Motion made Robin Kaufman/ Dani Antique to have staff investigate the feasibility of this matter for us. Motion passed unanimously.

107. Decide on which movie for the one movies in the park: Presented by Robin Kaufman. Due to the lateness of the meeting, motion made Robin Kaufman/Trevor Christensen to table this item. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

101. Discussion on possible revisions to the Rancho Bernardo Community Recreation Group Bylaws. Due to the lateness of the meeting, it was unanimously agreed to table this item.

WORKSHOP:

None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made Trevor Christensen/Dani Antique to adjourn at 8:33 pm. Motion passed unanimously.