City of San Diego

La Jolla Community Recreation Group

Minutes for August 26, 2026

Call to Order: 5:03 pm - Alan Dulgeroff

Board Members Present: Alan Dulgeroff, Jan Harris, Mary Munk, Jill Peters, Amy Spielman, Anne Wiklund

Board Members Absent: Pat Miller

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

Guests: Elisabeth Frausto (Media), Hobe Schroder, Heidi Schroder

Approval of the Minutes: Motion was made by Anne Wikund, Second by Amy Spielman to approve the June 24, 2026 Meeting Minutes: (for: Jan Harris, Jill Peters, Amy Spielman, Anne Wiklund; abstain: Alan Dulgeroff, Mary Munk) 4-0-2. Motion passed.

Non-Agenda Public Comments: Mary Munk shared that October 3, 2026 will be Walter Munk Day at Kellogg Park La Jolla Shores 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. The day will highlight celebrations of the 75th anniversary of Kellogg Park, 50th anniversary of the movie Jaws, and 10th Anniversary of Scripps Center for Marine Biology.

Requests for Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda: none

Committee Reports: none

Council District One Report (Joaquin Quintero):

- Joaquin provided a flyer with El Niño preparations.
- Joaquin shared that there has been collaboration on a proposed ordinance to permanently guarantee free beach and Mission Bay parking for city residents that will go to City Council in September.

Chairperson's Report: Alan Dulgeroff invited and introduced Jerry Abbott, District Manager, to discuss new operational hours under the City Budget. He was disappointed that the City introduced new hours without fully factoring in the LJCRG board approved recommendation from the June meeting, which was based on

community and staff input. He greatly appreciated Jerry listening and attending, looked forward to the agenda item discussion, and emphasized that the City should further consider LJCRG approved recommendations. Jerry acknowledged and apologized that the process was rushed and indicated that after a month or two, additional refinements could be considered.

Group Member Comments: none

Parks and Recreation Staff Reports:

Jerry Abbott – District Manager: Jerry shared that they are still working on figuring out hours of operation with the new City Budget. He shared that there is event support at $65/70 hr. There is a bank of hours for the entire year and they are trying to work through this and what it would look like for programming. Office hours have been cut by one-third leaving five staff members, although several of those members are part-time. Rentals of inside rooms will need to be worked out depending on staffing. Jerry is planning to look at the Monday hours, since they were 10:00 am - 6:00 pm and the initial plan has the center closed that day. Jerry explained that Nick's work schedule is shifting to 4/10s, four 10 hour days per week. Jerry was asked by a board member if additional hours could be funded through a community organization. Although Jerry was not sure of the process, he could get this information for the board. There were questions raised on whether community funding of hours would be sustainable and how disruptive funding fluctuations, such as in charitable donations, might be to hours and park users. Several board members noted that groups that use the center during extended hours such as evenings, beyond traditional hours, would be in-essence be providing such community funding without risk to core hours/users. They indicated that one solution would be to shape the hours, per the board approved recommendations, for more typical users and groups (typically more resourced that the average park user) that want to extend hours would pay the already customary nominal fee. Nick shared that bathrooms will be open on some non-operations days, but not yet certain when they will be closed.

Nicholas Volpe - Recreation Center Director II: Nick shared current programming at the Rec Center: Movie Night Toy Story 5; Mediterranean Cuisine Cooking Class on Mondays; Filipino Cuisine Cooking Class on Wednesdays; Little Chef Studio on Wednesdays; San Diego Youth Theatre will perform Frozen on October 16th.

Information Items:

101. Seasonal Events – Alan Dulgeroff

Alan reminded the board of the upcoming holiday event and tree lighting. He revisited opportunities for planning activities, and asked if there was interest by anyone to form a

group/committee to further enhance the event. Board members shared that the event map has been released, and Ann Kerr, Event Chair, has obtained a permit for the event with activities at the LJ Rec Center following the parade. There will be visits with Santa, Games, Bouncy House, etc. There the board felt all arrangements were in place, and no one expressed interest or a need to form a group/committee at this time.

Action Items: none

Workshops: none

Adjournment: Motion was made by Anne Wiklund, Second Jan Harris to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 pm: (for: Jan Harris, Mary Munk, Jill Peters, Amy Spielman, Anne Wiklund; against: none; abstain: Alan Dulgeroff) 5-0-1. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 23, 2026 (tentative), in-person at the Rec Center (615 Prospect Street, La Jolla, CA 92037)

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