City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Department
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 12, 2026

"WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS"

Meeting Held at:
San Ysidro Community Activity Center
179 Diza Road
San Ysidro, CA 92173

Mailing Address is:
179 Diza Road
San Ysidro, CA 92173

Members Present:
Martin Ortega
Manuel Lopez
Consuelo Delgadillo

Members Absent:
Placido Villarreal
Rosa Ruesga
David Guerrero
Felipe Muro
Juan Lopez

City Staff:
CJ Saldana, Area Manager OCA
Mari Jo Ricanor, Recreation Center Director
Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director
Jackie Hernandez, Recreation Center Director
Suzy Torrez, Recreation Center Director
Vanessa Viramontes, Assistant Recreation Center Director
Jonathan Rascon, Pool Manager
Carlos Edington, San Diego Police CRO

Guests:

CALL TO ORDER:
CRG Chair Martin Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Introductions were made around the table for those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 MINUTES:
Tabled

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP:
Martin Gaminho was absent and will need to restart his attendance to complete three consecutive CRG meetings to be considered request for membership.

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:
- Holiday Posada will take place on Friday, December 11. An annual event as we celebrate the season together as a community. Refreshments will be provided, and Assemblymember Alvarez will also share some brief updates on his work in the Assembly this year.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

Community Relations Officer Carlos Edington reported the following:

- Officers have been addressing vehicles parking overnight with citations. 14 citations were issued at the San Ysidro Senior Center parking lot to those vehicles parked overnight.
- Encouraged everyone to use the GID app (Get it Done) if they encounter homeless encampments. There is a dedicated HOT team (Homeless Outreach Team) that comes out to address these concerns.
- There has been an increase in vandalism, homelessness and theft incidents in the area.
- Get It Done: Encouraging everyone to use the City's online portal for reporting non-emergency issues, scheduling appointments, and accessing information. Reports show a low percentage of GID reports being submitted from citizens in the San Ysidro.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

None

BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT:

- Vanessa Viramontes 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:

None

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

Consuelo Delgadillo of 'Hearts and Hands' organization reported the following:

- A special event taking place on October 23. An anniversary party that includes music and dance. Location will be Willow School. A fundraiser will be held by selling concession food and drink.
- Since July, the food distribution relocated to the San Ysidro Public Library parking lot. Food is distributed every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager CJ Saldana reported the following:

- Due to the budget, staff will be reducing Recreation Leader hours. This will have an effect on programming and park operations Citywide.
- Recent storms have not affected the area parks. No tree damage to report. However, with the rain, leaks were detected at some of the area recreation facilities.
- Beyer Park's opening will tentatively be scheduled in December.
- San Ysidro 'pocket park' located along San Ysidro Boulevard had been having issues of homeless encampments at the park. Staff worked with San Diego Police to assist with presence as they removed encampment items, trash and items that were left in the park. Staff also cut down trees to help with visibility in the park.
- Encouraged everyone to use the City's GID (Get it Done) phone app to report issues in parks.

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

- Staff are hosting 12u and 17u youth volleyball leagues in the gym.
- Staff are hosting 7u flag football games next week. Due to rain, games were cancelled today.
- Free Afterschool meals given to youth remain ongoing Monday-Friday starting at 2:30 p.m. until food is gone.
- Staff will no longer be assisting with family registration for Toys for Tots. Families can now register themselves through a QR code provided by the Marines Toys for Tots. Registration ends on November 18.
- Halloween Carnival will take place in the gym on Friday October 23 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Staff took 18 teens on a field trip to the annual 'Haunted Trails' at Balboa Park. A charter bus was provided to transport teens from Larsen Field and the SY Teen Center.

Assistant Recreation Center Director Vanessa Viramontes reported the following for and San Ysidro Community Activity Center:

- 21 teens participated in attending the Haunted Trails field trip in Balboa Park on September 24.
- Staff will hold the annual 'Fall Fest' in the gym on October 28.
- 24 youth have registered to participate in teams for the upcoming flag football season.
- Kenpo Karate program has increased in attendance.
- Staff are currently coaching 12u, 14u and 17u teams in youth volleyball. Teams are playing in leagues held at Larsen Field and South Bay.
- Staff are not taking registration for Toys for Tots. The public will use an app to register for toys.

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

- Pool closure flyer information was handed out to everyone.
- No update on how pool closures will impact communities that depend on pools for classes and programs.
- Due to Vista Terrace Pool closure, the nearest pool that remains open until further notice is Martin Luther King Jr., Memorial, and Colina del Sol pools.

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

- Staff is planning a Costume contest for Halloween for the Seniors. Prizes will be handed out in categories.
- Fiestas Patrias event went well. There was food, music and dancing among seniors.
- No programs or classes will take place starting October 24 due to election polls at the senior building. Classes will resume after election polling ends on November 3.

INFORMATION ITEMS:
None

ACTION ITEMS:

1. FY28 Recreation Center Fund Budget:
   San Ysidro Community Activity Center and San Ysidro Larsen Field Community Center
   - Robert presented SYAC final budget requesting approval
   - Mari Jo presented Larsen Field final draft budget requesting approval

   Members tabled action items, citing not enough members in attendance to review and give additional feedback. Chairperson Martin Ortega requested staff present next month the final budget for both sites, with hopes all CRG members will be in attendance to vote.

WORKSHOP ITEMS:
None

INFORMATION ITEMS:
None

ADJOURNMENT
Chairperson Martin Ortega adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:
Monday November 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
San Ysidro Community Activity Center
179 Diza Road, San Ysidro, CA 92173
(619) 424-0472

Submitted By:	Reviewed By:	Approved by:
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Mari Jo Ricanor	CJ Saldana	Martin Ortega
Recreation Center Director	Area Manager `	Chairperson