

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

ADAMS RECREATION ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES/PUBLIC MEETING

***Virtually on Zoom***

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ted Ewing, Chairperson  
Elizabeth Chennamchetty, Vice Chairperson  
Estevan Negrete, Member  
John Hartley, Member (Left @ 7:00pm)  
Mark Lawler, Member  
Nancy Lawler, Treasurer  
Kim Emmerson, NHUA  
Jim Baross, NHCPG (Left @ 6:30pm)  
Connie Terwilliger, Ward Canyon Waggers  
Victoria Everich, Ward Canyon Waggers

**STAFF**

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II  
Ashley Balingit, Center Director I  
Normal Heights Public Library - Absent  
Jenny Hall, SD Police Department- Absent  
SD Council District 3 – Absent  
Normal Heights Public Library - Absent

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Vavi Representative

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS**

Pete Everisto  
Olivia Chin  
Jerrica Romero

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Ted Ewing, Chairperson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A few typos were noted by Elizabeth Chennamchetty. Motion for approval: It was moved/seconded (Elizabeth Chennamchetty/Nancy Lawler) to approve minutes from October 22, 2020 meeting. MOTION CARRIED (7-0-0).

**COMMUNICATIONS** (*limited to items **not** on the agenda. Each one will be limited to five (5) minutes and is not debatable*).

Estevan willing to work with NHCPG assistance on the change we want to see on the barrier at 40<sup>th</sup> St.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Ted reviewed the agenda action items and workshop items with the members. He had a question about Normal Heights Public Library Representative during the Advisory Group Meetings. Michele responded the City is on a hiring freeze, once the position is filled, we will know more information.

**ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. San Diego Police/Community Relations Officer** - Absent
- 2. City Council District 3 Representative** - Absent
- 3. San Diego Library** - Absent
- 4. Park & Neighborhood Safety Committee** – No report
- 5. Mid-City Little League** – Absent. Ashley reported it was their last week of fall ball and will be starting up again in the Spring. No games just scrimmage and practice due to the pandemic.
- 6. VAVI** – Absent
- 7. Normal Heights Community Association** – Kim reported she reached out and emailed NHCA Chairperson, Allie who plans on attending future meetings.
- 8. Normal Heights Urban Arts** – Kim Emmerson reported they did not meet last month, no new reports. Check out our Facebook page for our current featured artists. Received approval from the commission of arts and culture public arts committee for the butterfly mosaic artwork on Adams Recreation Center west wall. Waiting for final approval with the Commission of Arts with the City of San Diego.

9. **Normal Heights Planning Group** - Jim reported in the chat two items; the NHCPG is working to get the City to add width to the 805 bridge for a wider sidewalk, also to get Caltrans to allow a recreation trail along the 805-bluff north of Adams. Additional concern at the NHCPG has been which community group(s) will the City listen to for overlap issues. Recreational land use, etc. Consensus so far is that the Recreation Advisory Group leads but the NHCPG can also have opinions re: land use issues. Elizabeth clarified the planning group voices and plans for all spaces and Adams Recreation Advisory Group has to do with park space. NHPG and ACRG can partner and/or provide a letter of support. Nancy reported the NHPG provided a letter of support to the Adams Avenue Business Association on widening the sidewalk near the overpass on the 805.
10. **Adams Elementary** – No Report
11. **Normal Heights Elementary** – No Report

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS**

1. **Ashley Balingit, Center Director I** – Reported successful Halloween Drive-By on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the bus loop near the playground at Adams Recreation Center. Families decorated their cars and kids dressed up. Council Member Ward and Brent Weise came out to assist. Ruffled off Thanksgiving Basket with canned foods and \$25 Visa gift cards for families. Registrations for Toys 4 Tots ended on November 4<sup>th</sup> will be distributing toys by appointment only early December. Please use the Get-It-Done App or on the website for any issues or concerns. Website: <https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done>. For other concerns regarding events at our parks with no permit contact San Diego non-emergency number 619-531-2000 or 858-484-3154.
2. **Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II** – Reported we will be starting virtual programming hopefully early next year. Parks are being heavily used. Trying to maintain and keep parks safe. New sand delivered at Adams joint use playground and Ward Canyon Park. The department has been following the CDC guidelines.

**ACTION ITEMS** Consent (Items are adopted without discussion)

**ACTION ITEMS** Adoption (Each item requires individual action)

1. **Election of officers - chair, vice chair and secretary** – Chairperson: Estevan Negrete, Vice-Chairperson: Elizabeth Chennamchetty and Secretary: Connie Terwilliger.

#### **WORKSHOP ITEMS**

1. **Park Maintenance**
2. **GDP – Ward Canyon Park**
3. **Park Curfew**
4. **Dog Park Concerns/Issues** - Connie suggested ideas on re-opening the large dog area and new Signage. The Large Dog area was closed temporarily and scheduled to reopen in March of 2020, and there is now a curfew from dawn to dusk in the Small Dog area, which is difficult to stay socially distanced in the single Small Dog area. We would like to have the Large Dog area prepared and reopened for 6 months to allow for social distancing and get an understanding of how the new hours will affect the adjacent property owners. Suggested and provide a sample for signage for Off-Leash areas. Michele reported the Humane Society does the reinforcement at the dog park. Connie reported she will contact the Humane Society with more information to move forward with new signage. Estevan reported the trial run was from February 2019 – March 2020. Opening the south side means more space and more people. Let's all focus our time on the GDP. Michele reported the Parks and Recreation department is not planning to open the large dog park area until they find a solution to appease the neighbors it affects.
5. **Joint Use Agreements**
6. **Adams Community Park**
7. **Interface with Normal Heights Community Organizations**

**INFORMATION ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ted Ewing - Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next Adams Recreation Advisory Group meeting will be:  
January 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM via ZOOM

Submitted by: Ashley Balingit  
Ashley Balingit, Center Director I

Reviewed by: M. Chicarelli  
Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II

THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN ALTERNATE FORMATS UPON REQUEST.  
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