

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**ADAMS RECREATION COMMUNITY GROUP**  
**MINUTES/PUBLIC MEETING**  
*Virtually on Zoom*  
Tuesday, January 26, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Estevan Negrete, Chairperson  
Elizabeth Chennamchetty, Vice Chairperson  
Nancy Lawler, Treasurer  
John Hartley, Member  
Mark Lawler, Member  
Kim Emmerson, NHUA  
Connie Terwilliger, Ward Canyon Waggers  
Victoria Everich

**STAFF**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jim Baross, NHCPG  
Vavi Representative  
Mid-City Little League Representative

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS**

Gary Weber

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Estevan Negrete, Chairperson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A few typos were noted by Elizabeth Chennamchetty. Motion for approval: It was moved/seconded (Elizabeth Chennamchetty/Kim Emmerson) to approve minutes from November 24, 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).*

John expressed interest in discussing how the agenda is set for the meetings. Elizabeth requested to discuss and clarify with Bylaws and Recreation Council Policy next meeting.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Estevan will read the reports from the City on how the community group should operate moving towards creating new Bylaws. He is also reading Roberts Rules of Order to be a more effective leader.

**ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **San Diego Police/Community Relations Officer** - Jenny reported Spoofing scams. Scam calls purportedly from SDPD or from one of the divisions asking for money. Don't answer it, you can call dispatch to verify. Also, be aware of COVID-19 scams from unknown sources. They will be asking for tests, vaccines, waiting lists. If you become a victim of fraud, report it to the health and human services hotline or Medi-care hotline.
2. **City Council District 3 Representative** - Benjamin Cartwright reported he is representing Stephen Whitburn. He is interested in public outreach and his top priority is homelessness. You can call or text 619-510-6883, email bcartwright@sandiego.gov.
3. **San Diego Library** - Absent.
4. **Park & Neighborhood Safety Committee** - Absent.

5. **Mid-City Little League** – Absent.
6. **Normal Heights Community Association** – Kim reached out to Ali from NHCA. Kim will send Estevan Ali's email to contact and invite to the next meeting.
7. **Normal Heights Urban Arts** – Kim reported December 17<sup>th</sup> she received approval with the Commission of Arts with the City of San Diego for the butterfly project on the west facing wall on the recreation center building. Next step is plans for fundraising. Check out NHUA Facebook page for featured artists and Normal Heights art updates.
8. **Normal Heights Planning Group** – Vickie spoke of restructuring according to the new city docs and keeping other groups informed of each other's activities. Gary mentioned the planning groups have some responsible for advocating for park spaces.
9. **Ward Canyon Waggers** – Connie reported that she took initiative to contact Parks and Recreation and press them on their 2019 Options. She also sent emails to Todd Gloria's office and Stephen Whitburn's office about the need for more dog park area. There are about 145 people in the group at the present time.
10. **Adams Elementary** – Absent. Estevan will contact the school and invite them to the next meeting.
11. **Normal Heights Elementary** – Elizabeth mentioned school is still in phase 1A still no start date and school is closed.

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

1. **Ashley Balingit, Center Director I** – Ashley Report they gave out 200 Toys for Toys for Tots in December. Center Directors received virtual programming training. Recreation center is getting more computers in order to provide virtual programs.
2. **Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II** – Michele reported parks are being heavily used. Trash is being emptied several times a day. Been focusing on ordering playground parts and new sand delivered. Please be patient some staff not able to work due to COVID so there may be some more weeds than usual.

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

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#### **WORKSHOP ITEMS**

1. **Park Maintenance** – Get-It-Done App has been very helpful in reporting any concerns regarding the park.
2. **Dog Park Concerns/Issues** – Michele mentioned that they are considering 2 options – Option C from the original proposal and another option of extending the existing small dog area north to the sidewalk and around to the West until the land is too steep. Park and Rec Planners will be discussing more in detail the two options next meeting in February.
3. **GDP – Ward Canyon Park** – no report.
4. **Adams Community Park Plaque** – remove from workshop item list.
5. **Adams Elementary Joint Use** – Michele reported she attends San Diego School District every two weeks and they are working on creating new individual joint use agreements (4 groups want/need access to the fields – Park & Rec, school district, charter school and the church). Ballfield, playground and southwest corner is open for the community.
6. **Interface with Normal Heights Community Organizations** – Vickie will be liaison between Adams Recreation Community Group and Normal Heights Planning Group (NHPG). Kim mentioned she will contact Scott Kessler at The Adams Business Association about being involved with the Adams Recreation Community Group.
7. **Barriers** – will be removed from the list – until such time as there is something concrete to discuss. Vickie mentioned that if the sidewalk was made more passable, that this might help bicycles get past the barrier on the sidewalk for that short distance.

**INFORMATION ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Estevan Negrete - Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next Adams Recreation Community Group meeting will be:  
February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: *Ashley Balingit*  
Ashley Balingit, Center Director I

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

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