

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ADAMS RECREATION COMMUNITY GROUP
MINUTES/PUBLIC MEETING
Virtually on Zoom
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Estevan Negrete, Chairperson
Elizabeth Chennamchetty, Vice Chairperson
John Hartley, Member
Kim Emmerson, NHUA
Victoria Everich
Julie Olson, Ward Canyon Waggers

STAFF

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nancy Lawler, Treasurer
Mark Lawler, Member
Jim Baross, NHCPG
Vavi Representative
Connie Terwilliger, Ward Canyon Waggers
Jojo Turner, Mid-City Little League Representative

COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS

Gary Weber
Rei Takeda
Allison Alberts
Katherine Lekas
Olivia Chin
Anna Cosimini
Jerrica Romero
Carolina Navarro
Frank Hunt
Ally Welborn
Marianne Greene

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval: It was moved/seconded (Elizabeth Chennamchetty/Vickie Everich) to approve minutes from February 26, 2021 meeting. MOTION CARRIED (6-0-0).

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** – Absent.
2. **City Council District 3 Representative** – Absent.

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** – No Report.
8. **Normal Heights Planning Group** – No Report.
9. **Ward Canyon Waggers** – Julie reported The Waggers currently have an email list of 187 contacts. They have been posting information about the upcoming meeting to our newsletter, the Facebook page and on Next Door. Connie posted a Survey along with samples attached to the fence at the dog park for community input on "new" ground cover for the existing Interim park. Received about 65 responses. Of the presented seven options the top 2 (Small Deco Bark and Premium Landscape Mulch) both received 15 votes each (23.8%) and 40% choose "Other".
10. **Adams Elementary** – Absent.
11. **Normal Heights Elementary** – No Report.

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS

1. **Ashley Balingit, Center Director I** – No Report.
2. **Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II** – No Report.

ACTION ITEMS Consent (Items are adopted without discussion) – None

ACTION ITEMS Adoption (Each item requires individual action) – None

WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. **Park Maintenance** – Michele reported Recreation staff and GMW have been working on Ward Canyon Park mulch projects.
2. **Dog Park Concerns/Issues: Park Designer Shannon Scoggins Presentation: Temporary Dog Park** – Shannon presented Ward Canyon Interim Off-leash Dog Park Options. She provided photos and plans for Option C such as the proposed gate, fence line beside the parking lot near the basketball courts and joint use field. Community Recreation Group requested a mailer notifying the adjacent neighbors is sent out in advance of the meeting (for complete transparency). An estimate cost for labor and materials for City staff/resources to complete the temp fencing of Option C. Also, an estimated timeline to complete the project if approved. Some community members stated that they would like to see that area of the park repurposed into a community garden area now. Many community members stated that they would like to see the Phase III improvements implemented as soon as possible. Community members wanted to be sure that the permanent dog park location per the Phase III GDP would not have similar complaints from the neighbors (dust, noise, etc.).
3. **GDP – Ward Canyon Park** – Shannon stated the GDP has been approved. Many community members requested an update on Phase II; where are we? How many phases are there? What are the details of Phase II? They also wanted to know about funding for the individual phases; where can the CRG reach out for funding? Are Grants being requested by the city, Federal Grants? Another community concern was since the new GDP development is splitting up in phases, public parking is a concern. CRG would like detailed information on each phase so they know when and if public parking will be impacted.
4. **Adams Elementary Joint Use** – No Report.
5. **Interface with Normal Heights Community Organizations** – No Report.
6. **Bylaws** – Michele clarified the Brown Act states agenda items are appointed by the Chairperson or 3 board members that can be agreed on. Vickie recommend everyone on the board or community members check out sandiego.gov/planning/community/resources for more information.

INFORMATION ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Estevan Negrete - Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Adams Community Group meeting will be:
March 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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