

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

**ADAMS COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP**

**MINUTES/PUBLIC MEETING**

*Virtually on Zoom*

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Estevan Negrete, Chairperson  
Elizabeth Chennamchetty, Vice Chairperson  
Nancy Lawler, Member  
Kim Emmerson, NHUA  
Victoria Everich, Member  
Julie Olson, Ward Canyon Waggers  
Ally Welborn, NHCA

**STAFF**

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II  
Ashley Balingit, Center Director I  
Jose Villanueva, Center Director III  
Jenny Hall, SD Police Department  
Benjamin Cartwright - SD Council District 3  
Kelly Verheyden - Normal Heights Public Library  
Shannon Scoggins - Park Designer

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

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

**COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS**

Ally Welborn  
Lizzie Rodriguez  
Jessica Ricciuti  
Deepika Dabhi  
Connie Terwilliger  
Julie Olson  
Gary Weber  
Dennis Reiter

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Estevan Negrete, Chairperson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion for approval: It was moved/seconded (Elizabeth Chennamchetty / Victoria Everich) to approve minutes from April 27, 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*).

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** – Estevan Negrete reported:

1. The Community Recreation Group is currently operating under expired bylaws.
2. The sub-committee has been looking over the bylaws and gaining clarification of how the Community Recreation Group operates under the draft policy 700-24 or approved policy 600-24.
3. John Hartley has resigned as a Board member.

**ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **San Diego Police/Community Relations Officer** – Jenny Hall reported an incident occurred on April 16<sup>th</sup>, when someone discharged a firearm in the area near 3400 Adams Avenue. 8 shots were fired in the air from an encounter between a couple and an individual at the taco shop. No injuries reported.
2. **City Council District 3 Representative** – Benjamin Cartwright reported City Budget season by Mayor Gloria. District 3 has a forum via Zoom for community feedback on May 6th at 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Register at [bit.ly/D3Budget22](https://bit.ly/D3Budget22). Any question or concerns email [Bcartwright@sandiego.gov](mailto:Bcartwright@sandiego.gov) or call/text 619-510-6883.

3. **San Diego Library** – Kelly Verheyden reported:
  - Kensington library is still closed, moving forward with the next phase to reopen.
  - The library is now checking out “hot spots”; you can check out a hotspot and receive free internet access with a library card.
4. **Mid-City Little League** – No report
5. **Vavi** – No report
6. **Normal Heights Community Association** – Ally Welborn reported NHCA is continuing to work on programs and waiting on permit approval for movies in the park.
7. **Normal Heights Urban Arts** – Kim Emmerson reported:
  - The next NHUA meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and will continue to be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month via ZOOM.
  - No new news regarding the contract for the butterfly mosaic mural project for Adams Recreation Center building.
  - She attended an event at City Heights and spoke to John West about the butterfly project. He said it is currently taking some time to get approved due to the purchasing process will take some time to be completed.
8. **Normal Heights Planning Group** – Victoria Everich reported:
  - NHPG sent out a letter concerning the two barriers at the end of 40<sup>th</sup> St. gets shorted so bikers and walkers can get through. Unfortunately, the barriers on Madison is broken and there is no handicap parking on Madison and 40<sup>th</sup> St.
9. **Ward Canyon Waggers** – Connie Terwilliger reported:
  - They are looking forward to hearing Shannon Scoggin’s presentation regarding Option C and gaining a better understanding of the current budget limitations and restrictions as we seek more safe spaces for our dogs to run and interact.
  - The status of the research into decomposed granite for resurfacing the Small Dog area. We received a quote for decomposed granite material and deco bark for the Ward Canyon dog park. The vendor has a very fine decomposed granite that can be used and is being used at other dog parks.
  - Currently the City has requested a hold on all spending until further notice.
  - The area manager will keep the recreation community group updated if and when we receive approval to purchase material and install.
  - We are certainly disappointed in the request to hold all spending, as this will likely delay any immediate changes, as well as affect the timeline for the Permanent Plan.
10. **Adams Elementary** – No report.
11. **Normal Heights Elementary** – Elizabeth reported the students from Normal Heights Elementary are back on campus. During school session the campus is locked.

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

1. **Ashley Balingit, Center Director I** – Ashley Balingit reported:
  - Spring Drive-Thru event went well. Staff handed out goodie bags and activities. Mid-city little league came out to participate in the event as well.
  - Permits are being issued at this time. Unfortunately, we are not issuing any jumper or tournament permits without county approval until June 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Adams Recreation Center will be starting their 4-week outdoor summer camps on June 21st from 9:00 – 1:00 pm. Check out SDReconnect.com to register and for more program information.
  - Summer Lunch program continues partnering with the San Diego Unified School district.
2. **Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II** – Michele Chicarelli introduced Jose Villanueva filling in the Out of Class Assignment as the Area Manager. Jose Villanueva reported multiple loads of mulch to redefine the face of Ward Canyon Park. 8 Grounds Maintenance Workers teamed up with city staff to lay out the mulch. Received multiple positive feedback from the community.

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

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

**WORKSHOP ITEMS**

1. **Park Maintenance** – No Report.
  2. **Dog Park Concerns/Issue – Park Designer Shannon Scoggins presentation: Ward Canyon Interim Off-leash Dog Park Option**
    - Shannon presented the existing conditions of the interim off leash dog parks.
    - **Timeline – Community Recreation Group Meeting:**
      - 10/22/19 –Community Concerns
      - 11/12/19 –Presented Options: Modifications to existing interim off leash dog park to address concerns. Alternative locations for alternate interim off-leash dog park.
      - 12/10/19 –Corrective measures in place since Dec 2019
      - 2/23/21–Revisit alternative location
      - 4/27/21 –Additional information
      - 5/25/21 –ACTION ITEM
    - **Ward Canyon Park Phase III: Preliminary Engineering completed Fall 2020.**
      - The Current phase Caltrans relinquishment, redesign area to include a transportation component, tentative completion date Fall 2022.
      - Full construction documents, tentative completion date Summer 2024.
      - Apply for Community Development Block Grant FY 2024.
      - Start park construction tentative Fall 2024.
    - **Option C –interim off leash dog area: Orange area 7,600 SF Blue area 13,000 South fence near parking lot and basketball courts.**
    - **Progress report includes physical notices for 4/27 CRG meeting delivered to adjacent residences. The City reviewed proposed location with San Diego Unified School District. The quote received from South Bay Fencing was \$15-20K. There will need to be adjustments to existing irrigation and review temporary fencing layout plan.**
    - **Next steps adding Option C under “ACTION ITEM” for the next Community Recreation Group meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**
- GDP – Ward Canyon Park** – No Report.
3. **Adams Elementary Joint Use** – No Report.
  4. **Interface with Normal Heights Community Organizations**– No Report.
  5. **Bylaws** – No Report.

**INFORMATION ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Introduction: Workshop Item Quick Fact Sheet** – Elizabeth presented a quick fact sheet draft and hope this information will help the group in interfacing with other Normal Heights community groups who can also contribute and comment on common interests. The goal is to share this information to encourage community support/enthusiasm/outreach and collaboration for common goals and advocacy within Normal Heights.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Estevan Negrete – Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next Adams Community Group meeting will be:  
Tuesday, May 25, 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

THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN ALTERNATE FORMATS UPON REQUEST.  
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