

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ADAMS RECREATION COMMUNITY GROUP
MINUTES/PUBLIC MEETING

Virtually on Zoom
Tuesday, May 25, 2021
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Estevan Negrete, Chairperson
Nancy Lawler, Member
Tom Lawler, Member
Kim Emmerson, NHUA
Victoria Everich, Member
Ally Welborn, NHCA
Michael Nichols, Vavi Representative

STAFF

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Elizabeth Chennamchetty, Vice Chairperson
Jim Baross, NHCPG
Jojo Turner, Mid-City Little League Representative
Julie Olson, Ward Canyon Waggers

COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS

Lizzie Rodriguez
Jessica Ricciuti
Gary Weber
Dennis Reiter
Anna Cosimini
Neil Rasscuan
Amber Le

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Estevan Negrete, Chairperson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval: It was moved/seconded (Victoria Everich / Estevan Negrete) to approve minutes from April 27, 2021 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).*

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Estevan Negrete reported discussion on subcommittee bylaws continue.

ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **San Diego Police/Community Relations Officer** – Jenny Hall reported new captain, Captain Christopher Knighton, promotions are happening.
2. **City Council District 3 Representative** – No report.
Any question or concerns email Bcartwright@sandiego.gov or call/text 619-510-6883
3. **San Diego Library** – No Report.
4. **Mid-City Little League** – No report
5. **Vavi** – Michael Nichols reported leagues have started May 17th. Currently running softball and kickball leagues at Adams ball field from Monday – Thursday. Adam's

ball field lights have been out and city staff is coordinating and working on getting it repaired.

6. **Normal Heights Community Association** – Ally Welborn reported no updates.
7. **Normal Heights Urban Arts** – Kim Emerson reported a contract is available and is undergoing review for the mosaic mural butterfly project. NHUA is planning to paint three more utility boxes at Adams Recreation Center. Event on Sunday, July 25th Arts on Adams Avenue. NHUA is requesting to have a booth for fundraising/donation booth in front of Adams Recreation Center.
8. **Normal Heights Planning Group** – Victoria Everich reported email has been sent to the City regarding the barrier shortage for by passers to get through the barricades.
9. **Ward Canyon Waggers** – No report.
10. **Adams Elementary** – No report.
11. **Normal Heights Elementary** – No report.

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS

1. **Ashley Balingit, OCA Volunteer Coordinator** – Reported Kemii Soundara will be working Out of Class as Center Director for Adams Recreation Center.
2. **Kemii Soundara, OCA Center Director** – Reported recreation facility reopening target date is June 1st for programming. City staff are currently sanitizing and getting the building ready for reopening and preparing for summer day camps and virtual recreation programs.
3. **Michele Chicarelli, OCA Pesticide Manager** – Reported Jay Villanueva is still working Out of Class as Area Manager. He’s diligently working with Ground Maintenance Workers to beautify the community parks. A new maintenance worker was assigned to Adams and North Park. We are still going through the COVID protocol for staff and following CDC guidelines.

ACTION ITEMS Consent (Items are adopted without discussion)

ACTION ITEMS Adoption (Each item requires individual action)

1. “Parks for All” Letter of Support.
It was moved/seconded (Estevan Negrete/ Kim Emmerson) to approve the action item with the following, “*improvement to the Parks Master Plan and Recreation Element recommended by Parks and Recreation Coalition.*” (7-0-0)
2. Request approval for Option C – Ward Canyon Interim Dog Park.
It was moved/seconded (Estevan Negrete/ Kim Emmerson) to approve the action item with the following, “*Pursue Interim Off-Leash Dog Park Option C, with Option C location.*” (7-0-0)
3. Should the Community Recreation Group close the 501(c)(3) bank account and distribute any remaining funds to the Adams Recreation Center.
It was moved/seconded (Estevan Negrete/Victoria Everich) to approve the action item with the following, “*Closing 501c3 account*” (7-0-0)

WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. **Park Maintenance** – No Report.
2. **Dog Park Concerns/Issue** – Park Designer Shannon Scoggins presentation.
3. **GDP – Ward Canyon Park** – No Report.
4. **Adams Elementary Joint Use** – No Report.
5. **Interface with Normal Heights Community Organizations**– No Report.
6. **Bylaws** – No Report.

INFORMATION ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **PARC (Parks and Recreation Coalition)** – Tom Mullaney presented Parks and Recreation Coalition volunteer group looking to advocate for more park space via Power Point Presentation. Requesting a letter from Community Recreation Group to support the “*improvement to the Parks Master Plan and Recreation Element recommended by Parks and Recreation Coalition.*”
2. **Ward Canyon Interim Off-Leash Dog Park Option** – Shannon Scoggins presented options for interim off-leash areas presented from community feedback via Power Point Presentation. Park Phase III GPD construction starts Fall 2024. Public notices have been sent out to residence within park area. Proposing for Community Recreation Group support for Option C.

ADJOURNMENT

Estevan N. - Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Adams Community Group meeting will be:
Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: *Kemii Soundara*

Kemii Soundara, OCA 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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