

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ADAMS RECREATION COMMUNITY GROUP
MINUTES/PUBLIC MEETING
Virtually on Zoom
Tuesday, August 24, 2021
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Elizabeth Chennamchetty, Vice Chairperson
Nancy Lawler, Member
Tom Lawler, Member
Connie Terwilliger, Ward Canyon Waggers
Dennis Reiter, Member
Kim Emerson, NHUA
Victoria Everich, Member
Pete Evangelisto, Member

STAFF

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II
Kemii Soundara, (OCA) Center Director I
Jenny Hall, SD Police Department
Marcela Miranda-Caballero, SD Council District 3
Kelly Verheyden, Normal Heights Public Library

MEMBERS ABSENT

Estevan Negrete, Chairperson
Jim Baross, NHCPG
Ally Welborn, NHCA
Jojo Turner, Mid-City Little League Representative
Michael Nichols, VAVI Representative

COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Elizabeth Chennamchetty, Vice Chairperson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval: It was moved/seconded (Dennis Reiter / Connie Terwilliger) to approve minutes from July 27, 2021 meeting including the dollar amount on the received check from previous Advisory Group. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-3-0).

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Elizabeth Chennamchetty, Vice Chairperson reported direction for transferring funds received from previous Recreation Advisory Group to Adams Recreation center.

ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **San Diego Police/Community Relations Officer** – Jenny Hall reported that last month in the Normal Heights Community, there were no residential break ins, 2 vehicle break ins and 2 vehicles stolen. There was also an assault with a deadly weapon at the park with a hand/finger injury and a drunk patron in the park who was contacted by officer. Also, dispatcher communication recording shows that calls are up city wide about 300-1400 per day compared to last year including both non-emergency and emergency calls. Dispatchers are hiring. Please check out <https://www.sandiego.gov/empopp/current> for job opportunities. Any questions and concerns email JMason@pd.sandiego.gov
2. **City Council District 3 Representative** – Marcela Miranda-Caballero reported that the Council District is on a legislative recess. For those who applied for CPPS (discretionary funds) funding will be notified by Friday August 27, 2021 COB. Any

questions or concerns email, Community Representative District 3,
IMCaballero@SanDiego.gov

3. **San Diego Library** – Kelly Verheyden reported Library is open. New hours include Monday and Tuesday from 11:30 AM – 8:00 PM and Wednesday thru Saturday 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM. Currently, programs in the park, Story time last week was started with 90 participants. Also, weekend program starting in September, 1 weekend a week. Lastly, free hot spot for check out circulates for 90 days is now available for those who have a library card.
4. **Mid-City Little League** – No Report.
5. **VAVI** – No Report.
6. **Normal Heights Community Association** – No Report.
7. **Normal Heights Urban Arts** – Kim Emerson reported that they had their first in person meeting at the rec center this month and it was successful and meetings will be held 2nd Tuesday of the month. The utility boxes are finished being painted. The CPPS was completed with Scott Kesler's help and this was applied through the CDC, just pending results.
8. **Normal Heights Planning Group** – Vickie reported that the Adams Street Fair this year, has been cancelled.
9. **Ward Canyon Waggers** – Connie Terwilliger reported about the survey of things people are interested to see around the dog park for dog lovers which included the following top 4: Invite a trainer, Food trucks around the dog park area, Pet supply drive and a Neighborhood cleanup and dog walk activity. Planning meeting for the following activities will be held Thursday August 26, 2021 via zoom; there are currently 5 participants at this time. The Humane Society offered to do tips and tricks for leash handling and managing stress signals for pups and their interactions for pups and owner.
10. **Adams Elementary** – No report.
11. **Normal Heights Elementary** – No Report.

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS

1. **Kemii Soundara, OCA Center Director** – Kemii Soundara reported the ending of summer lunch program, Luau for the Movie in the Park showing Lilo and stitch. Fall program is open for registration which includes Zumba, Peewee sports, 10/12u Flag football, Parents' night out and Fall day camp. Also, the removal of 3 old ball field light poles, building is almost done being painted and the marquee updated and running.
2. **Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager** – Michele Chicarelli reported the safety issues with the light poles at Adams that needed to be removed. Also, Option C updates include irrigation team coming out to look at the ground surrounding the irrigation and would like to dig out the area to see how close it is to the cement. The concern here is that the gate for the dog park will line with the cement. There was a meeting with the new fence company who took measurements and is now waiting for a quote to be sent over. Contact with support services is still currently pending, there is a shortage of staff, so things are still moving a bit slower in this department, although communication has been made continuously.

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 Concerns/Issues** – Victoria Everich reported concerns about glass rising from the dirt from previously demoed homes which is a safety concern.
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.
7. **GDP Advocacy** – No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Introduction: Workshop Item Quick Fact Sheet

ADJOURNMENT

Elizabeth Chennamchetty – Vice Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Adams Community Group meeting will be:
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: *Kemii Soundara* Reviewed by: *M. Chicarelli*
Kemii Soundara, OCA Center Director I Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II

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CONTACT ASHLEY BALINGIT, CENTER DIRECTOR I AT (619) 235-1149.