

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

In Person

Tuesday, April 26th, 2023

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kim Emerson, NHUA
Denise Reiter- Member
Chandler Gault (Left at 6:32pm)- Mid City
Cameron F-VOLO
Nancy Lawler -NHCPG
Mark Lawler -NHCPG

STAFF

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II
Miranda Church, Center Director I

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ducote Contreras – VOLO
Connie Terwilliger- Ward Canyon Waggers

GUESTS:

Jim Barros

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Secretary Kim Emmerson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Not Approved, needed corrections.

COMMUNICATIONS *(limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to five (5) minutes and is not debatable).* Chandler Gault, Mid City Little League Representative expressed concern and asked for updates on the netting and lights for the baseball field. Miranda Church and Michelle Ciccarelli were able to provide updates that everything had been approved. We are waiting for the material supply to be replenished as soon as it is then installation will happen soon after. Electricians are working in sections based on Districts and Miranda and Michelle have been informed that we are the next district in line to get lights installed but do not have an exact timeline.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Kim Emmerson is acting chair and for the record is not interested in being the chairperson, but she continues to advocate for inviting more Normal Heights community members to attend and get more involved with the CRG, and especially to help with the future completion of Ward Canyon Park.

ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **San Diego Police/Community Relations Officer** – Jenny Hall was not present but reported via email.
2. **City Council District 9 Representative** – Not Present.
3. **San Diego Library**- Not Present.
4. **Mid-City Little League** Chandler Gault reported that mid-city little league is interested in refreshing and updating the ballfield at Adams Recreation Center. They have seen an increase of kids since covid and have about 140-160 players this year and it has been a good season. Chandler complimented the quality of the grass and how well it's been preserved. He also mentioned that he is interested in being a board member if he can get someone to be dedicated to report and appear at meetings for Mid-City Little League.

5. **VOLO** – Cameron reported that he is excited to be back in person and that their adult softball and kickball leagues are going well and love being at Adams Recreation Center.
6. **Normal Height Community Association**- Not Present.
7. **Normal Heights Community Planning Group** – Jim Barros reported that the community planning group has an upcoming meeting on Tuesday at 6:00pm at the Normal Heights Community Center. There is a new chairperson Paul Coogan, and they are trying to get grants for a community garden that will be placed across the market.
8. **Ward Canyon Waggers**- Not present, Connie Terwilliger gave a report via email, “Please note that coyotes have been spotted just outside the “new” off-leash area – in daylight. They have been spotted in a lot more places recently, so remind people to keep a close eye on their dogs when in the off-leash area and keep them on leash outside the designated areas. Connie was the only person to show up for the 2nd Saturday Sweep in April. We have one set for May 13, but due to a possible rehearsal for her that day, she may not be able to make it, so she is looking for someone to collect the red wagon with the picking supplies from the Community Center on Friday and return it on Monday. Hopefully the new signage with the open hours has been posted with the correct phone number so that people coming to the Community Center will know when it is going to be open. The Picking Event has been posted on the Ward Canyon Dog Park Facebook page and on Next Door.”
9. **Normal Heights Urban Arts** – Dennis Reiter reported that the mural project has 11 cement backerboard panels that were water-jet-cut. The panels are in the shapes of butterfly wings to make-up the entire mosaic mural project. They are still in fund-raising mode and have been posting flyers along Adams Avenue. They are aiming to have the mural installed by the end of this year.
10. **Adams Elementary**- Not Present.
11. **Normal Heights Elementary**- Not Present.

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS

1. **Miranda Church, Center Director** – Miranda reports that the netting has been approved, we are just waiting for the product to be in stock to install. The same with the lights, we have the lights, and we are just waiting in the streets department to install them. They gave us an update stating that we are the next district in line to get lights installed. Requested input from the community as to what programs they would like to see, possibly classes for seniors. Also mentioned current programs such as youth and adult ceramics, after school programs and Movies in the Park on July 16th at Ward Canyon. There will also be summer camp starting June 26th, 2023.
2. **Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager** – Michele reports that there is an upcoming vendor fair for new vendors that would like to be contracted with the city. Upcoming fairs are located at Mira Mesa on Wednesday the May 24th and City Heights on Thursday June 1st. Times vary but are during the day around 11-2pm. Also, any concerns you may have you can also report on the get it done app. The drafted/ initial proposal is due tomorrow for the opportunity fund budget.

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

ACTION ITEMS Adoption (Each item requires individual action)

1. Officers nomination: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary. No action taken, tabled for May’s meeting.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. Ward Canyon GDP- There was a recap and general group discussion about last month’s presentation that is as follows (repeat): At the CRG meeting on March 28, 2023, Lydia Marshall, Assistant Civil Engineer, presented information about the

General Development Plan (GDP) for Ward Canyon Park. She gave updates about timelines for the current phase of the GDP that includes the abandoned building at Ward Canyon Park will be demolished within 12 months, the acquisition by the city of the Caltrans land adjacent to the I-15, and that there will be the need of community input for 30% of the new recreation building, and all to happen within 1 ½ years. There was discussion about the future community garden and dog park. Lydia will make corrections to the CRG's fact sheet about the GDP.

INFORMATION ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT - Kim Emmerson adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Adams Community Recreation Group meeting will be on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023, in person.

Submitted by *Miranda Church*

Miranda Church, Recreation Center Director I

Approved by *Michele Chicarelli*

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II

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