

**La Jolla Community Recreation Group**  
**La Jolla Recreation Center, 615 Prospect Street, La Jolla, CA 92037**

**MINUTES**  
**November 17, 2021**

**Call to Order:** 5:10 p.m., Coakley Munk

**Present:** Jon Wiggins, Karen Wiggins, Mary Coakley Munk, Pat Miller, Jill Peters, Jan Harris, Gail Forbes

**Absent:** Alan Dulgeroff, Alexis McCandless

**Staff:** Nick Volpe, Quentin Olds, Rosalia Castruita

**Guests:** Steve Hadley, Elisabeth Frausto

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve October 27 minutes: moved Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Forbes.  
Unanimous approval with 1 abstention.

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:** None.

**Request for Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda:** Motion to place updating the CRG roster on the agenda: moved Forbes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peters. Unanimous approval.

**Request for Continuance:** None.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Council District One Report:** Hadley mentioned the recent Cuvier Street vacation approval by the Community Planning Association, in connection with the playground renovation plans. He also said he is going to Scripps Park tomorrow to look at the grove picnic area, and the restroom renovation. The restrooms are almost finished and will be opening soon. The vending ordinance will be coming before the SD City Council in December. Forbes asked if Hadley has any insights about the auditors' report on city-wide parks; he had none at this time.
- **Chairperson's Report:** Coakley Munk said that it has come to her attention that the bocce ball court needs maintenance. Perhaps someone could be hired once a month to provide the needed upkeep. Forbes wondered if the bocce ball players could form a club and assess dues for upkeep. Coakley munk said that upkeep is usually the City's

responsibility. Castruita said that the bocce ball court is temporary, and she will need to check on the details of who is responsible for its maintenance.

In response to Forbes' earlier motion about updating the CRG roster, it was noted that Lizzet Fitz Cluster and Don Goertz have missed many recent meetings, and therefore they are no longer members of the CRG. A person wishing to join the CRG must attend 3 meetings, and then request to become a member.

Starkey Mini Park: Jon and Karen Wiggins recently visited the park, and talked to local users. These users like the park the way it is, and they don't know why it received a lower grade than some other parks in a recent report. Wiggins asked Castruita whether this park has any deficiencies, in her opinion. Her answer was that all parks have deficiencies, but there is not likely to be major funding from the City put into upgrades of Starkey. She also said that the bike path along one edge of this park receives a lot of traffic. She added that estimates are that it would cost \$8-\$12 thousand to clear brush. Wiggins suggested that perhaps volunteers could do that. Harris pointed out that actual removal of bushes (rather than just trimming them) could result in erosion issues. Castruita also said that users do call the police when they notice issues with transients.

Wiggins requested that plans for Christmas 2022 be placed on the January 2022 CRG agenda. Coakley Munk asked Volpe to include this item on the January agenda.

#### **Staff Reports:**

- **Rosalia Castruita:** Holiday lights will be placed along the recreation center rooftop next Monday/Tuesday. They will be up until the first week in January. There are no plans for a tree, or tree lighting. There is no "blow-up" decoration—it was damaged last year. Coakley Munk has a Snoopy blow-up, and Forbes will bring it to the recreation center for the holidays.
- **Nick Volpe:** He briefly introduced himself. He is the new recreation center director, and this is his first meeting with the CRG. A current financial report is not available at this time. Quentin Olds is the new assistant director of the recreation center. A holiday event will be held outside on the recreation center grounds on December 10, starting at about 3:00 or 3:30 in the afternoon. Plans are still being completed, but there are likely to be face painters, goodie bags, bounce houses, and various games to play. The movie "Elf" will be shown after sunset.

#### **Information Item:**

- Peters reported that the Visioning Committee is excited about the approval of the Cuvier Street vacation by the Community Planning Association. The Visioning Committee is working to get more accurate estimates of the renovation costs for the building,

grounds, and tennis area. They are also still working on a brochure and website focused on generating donations.

- Forbes said that the overall group of representatives from the various CRG groups throughout the city has not met for quite some time; it is sort of moribund.

**Action Items:** None.

**Workshops:** None.

**Adjournment:** 6:05 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, January 26, 5:00 p.m. -- via ZOOM.