

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

MINUTES
February 23, 2022

Call to Order: 5:07 p.m., Coakley Munk

Present: Jon Wiggins, Karen Wiggins, Mary Coakley Munk, Jan Harris, Pat Miller, Jill Peters, Alan Dulgeroff, Alexis McCandless

Absent: Gail Forbes

Staff: Nickolas Volpe, Rosalia Castruita, Salome Martinez

Guests: Elisabeth Frausto, Tom Grunow, Steve Hadley

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January 26 REVISED MINUTES: Moved Wiggins, 2nd Miller. Unanimous approval with 1 abstention.

Non-Agenda Public Comment:

- Coakley Munk said that pickle ball players are getting a large number of people together to encourage the building of new courts throughout the City. So making pickle ball courts available at La Jolla Rec Center is very timely.

Requests for Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda: None.

Requests for Continuance: None.

Committee Reports:

- **Council District One Report:**
 - Hadley reported that the vending ordinance will be coming to the full City Council this coming Tuesday, March 1.
 - There was a large meeting at the Rec Center on February 22 to discuss recent Muirlands burglaries, and Hadley thanked Volpe for taking care of the arrangements for this.
- **Chairperson's Report:** None.

Group Member Comments: None.

Parks and Recreation Staff Reports:

- **Rosalia Castruita:** She commented that Nick Volpe and the other staff are doing a great job to establish programs. There are presently only 3 staff members at La Jolla Rec Center, and the “normal” number would be 6-7. So the staff members are doing a great job with the resources they have. She hopes that more staff will be hired soon.
- **Salome Martinez:** She has no particular report at this time, but she echoes Castruita’s comments about the great job the staff members are doing at La Jolla Rec Center.
- **Nicholas Volpe:**
 - Ongoing classes include (a) an art class, and (b) two cooking classes (one for younger children, and one for 12-and-over youth).

- Budget report:

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| Budget goal for fiscal year | \$26,534 |
| Income so far | 10,033 |
| Money they need to make by July 1 | 16,501 |
| Amount spent from the \$10,033 | 7,210 |
| Amount available to spend, currently | 2,824 |
| Emergency fund | \$34,949.09 |

Any revenue that is brought in, and remains at the end of the fiscal year, will go into the emergency fund.

Martinez said that it is not known what the budget for the next fiscal year will look like, so they are telling people to be cautious about spending this year from the emergency fund. Approval to spend money from the emergency fund would be considered on a case-by-case basis, and it is unclear how long it would take to get approval.

Information Items:

- **Weight Room Flooring:** The roll of “rubber” flooring will cost \$8,272.58. Volpe will tell the Friends the cost of the flooring. No request has been submitted yet to the City to take out the old flooring and prep the floor for laying the new flooring. **Motion:** It was moved to request the Friends of La Jolla Recreation Center to consider approving

funding for the roll of new “rubber” flooring. Moved Dulgeroff, 2nd J. Wiggins. YES=5, NO=1, abstain=1.

- **Pickle Ball Lines:** There are pickle ball lines on the east basketball court, but none of the west basketball court. Adding painted lines would cost \$1500-\$1600, and the money would come from Rec Center funds. The pickle ball players sometimes add lines on the west court using their own tape, when there is an overflow of players. This sometimes causes a mess on the court surface, and it is hard to remove. It is also time-consuming for the players to add these lines. Dugeroff is concerned about making sure that there is enough availability on the courts for basketball players, and he cautioned that adding pickle ball lines to the west court might tip the balance of court use toward pickle ball. Coakley Munk suggested that a sign could be placed near the courts regarding rules for use by the two groups of players, to ensure that both can play there. Volpe will look into the issues further.

Action Items:

- Motion to request funds (not to exceed \$750) from the Friends of La Jolla Recreation Center for materials and labor to improve the surface of the bocce ball court. Moved Harris, 2nd Miller. Unanimous approval with one abstention.

Prior to approval of this motion, Grunow provided an update on what is needed to fix the surface. The top 3/8” is HARDER than expected. This means that grooming the court is an issue; when people throw a ball, the landing causes a “dimple” in the court, and this means that balls do not “roll straight” when they encounter a dimple. They tried loosening the surface, but the binder in the soil just got hard again. What is needed is to loosen the soil again, and add a product called Har-Tru (this is used on tennis courts in the Eastern US). Then it will be possible to use a stiff broom or rake to smooth out the court, and this will take about 10 minutes. If funds are approved, the Har-Tru can probably be added in about two weeks.

- Motion to request funds (not to exceed \$1,000) from Friends of La Jolla Recreation Center for materials and labor to enhance access to the court, and safety on the west end of the bocce ball court. Moved Harris, 2nd Miller. Unanimous approval, with one abstention.

Prior to approval of this motion, Grunow provided an update on the problems. The land surrounding the bocce ball court slopes downward toward the west, so: (a) the east end is flush with surrounding land, but (b) at the west end there is a 10”-12” step over the

wooden side rail and down onto the court. This is awkward and perhaps dangerous. What is needed to fix this is to add topsoil and sod at the low end.

- **Weight Room Membership Fee Increase:**

Volpe discussed the fee increases he is proposing, which are listed in the agenda for this meeting. The CRG discussed this, and it was decided that a motion is not necessary. We support Volpe's proposed new fee structure.

- **Game Room Expenditures:**

Volpe discussed his idea to develop a space for teens (roughly 13-16 years of age) to "hang out" at the Rec Center, with guided activities and learning experiences provided by the staff. He sees about 50 young people "dropping by" the Rec Center on any given day, but they don't have a dedicated space to gather. He is hoping to create such a space with some new furniture, shelves, a television, and game system. He estimates that this will cost about \$3500. The Rec Center will pay for this. Numerous CRG members enthusiastically supported this plan, and we look forward to seeing it in operation.

Adjournment: 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting: March 23, 2022, 5:00 p.m.