

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

MINUTES
June 22, 2022

Call to Order: 5:05 p.m., Coakley Munk

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

Absent: None

Staff: Nickolas Volpe, Rosalia Castruita

Guests: Trace Wilson, John Dyer, Elisabeth Frausto, Kevin Kinsella, Terri Bourne, Steve Hadley, Prudence Horner, Anthony Hathue, Iraj Aalam, James Abbuhl, Darius Firouzgar, Peter Maynard, Mike Smith, Francis Pedace

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve May 25 minutes: Moved Peters, 2nd Forbes.
Approved: 5 yes, 2 abstain, 0 no.

Non-Agenda Public Comment: None

Request for Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda: The Chair asked to add comments from Trace Wilson to today's agenda. It was agreed to do this.

Request for Continuance: None

Committee Reports:

- **Council District One Report:** Hadley reported that there are parts of the new San Diego vending ordinance that do not need review by the CA Coastal Commission. These parts of the ordinance are in effect now.
- **Chairperson's Report:** Coakley Munk updated us on bocce ball and pickle ball.
 - The bocce ball court is getting good use, and the participants seems to be working out court use amicably. The resurfacing donated by Tom Grunow has made maintenance much easier. They are still working on height issues at the Prospect Street end of the court.

- There are sometimes as many as 25 people at one time who want to play pickle ball, and usually some of them end up leaving. It would be good to stripe the other basketball court so that more pickle ball players can be active there at the same time. The pickle ball and basketball players are working out the shared use of the courts amicably.
- **Group Member Comments**
 - Trace Wilson arrived at the meeting, so the group asked him to speak at this point. He said that the working group recently provided a good update about the plans for the Recreation Center building and playgrounds to Andy Field, Rosalia Castruita, and Salome Martinez. In the future (July 22), they will be updating the SD Mayor, Todd Gloria.
 - Dulgeroff reported an experience on the playground that he described as “troubling.” There were two small children (ages 5 & 7) playing in the backboard area. Some tennis players “forced their way” onto the backboard court, essentially sidelining the kids. Dulgeroff wanted to check to make sure that the backboard area is open to all people for “multi-use,” and not dedicated exclusively to tennis backboard use. Volpe said that it is open for multiple uses, and that people should come to him if there are problems. (The incident described by Dulgeroff happened on a Sunday, when no staff members are on duty.)

Parks and Recreation Staff Reports:

- **Rosalia Castruita:** There will be mulching during the summer at the Via del Norte Park. At Laureate Park (Avenida de la Playa) there will be turf improvement this summer.
- **Nicholas Volpe:** There are now only 3 staff members at La Jolla Rec Center (Volpe and 2 others). Painting of the building is currently progressing: plans are to paint the whole inside, the wood trim, and the whole outside. There are several ongoing classes, and several new ones being added. The weight room is not open yet. Insurance issues have to be resolved before the new floor can be laid. Once that is done, then it will be open.

Information Items

- **La Jolla Tennis Club.** There were lengthy comments presented to the CRG by several people who are (or were) members of La Jolla Tennis Club: The main presenters were Dyer, Hathuc, Pedace, and Abbuhl. There are concerns about the process, criteria, and authority to terminate memberships and to hire tennis pros who give lessons; and there are concerns about the Special Use Permit granted to LJTC by the City of San Diego.

After these comments, Hadley said that it is tragic when a community group has conflict and people are hurt. He reminded us that this is an information-only item for

the CRG, a City of San Diego volunteer group. Hadley has connected those with concerns to SD Parks and Recreation, as well as to several California commissions. He added that the City will not be involved further at this point because of the possibility of litigation. He recommends that the CRG assure those involved that we have listened to their concerns and refrain from further comment/discussion.

Coakley Munk said that the CRG has no purview over activities of La Jolla Tennis Club, even though we share the same landlord (City of San Diego) and property. She appreciates learning about the situation, and she hopes that things get straightened out satisfactorily.

6:56 MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 5:00 p.m.