

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
RANCHO BERNARDO COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP  
Wednesday, July 28, 2021**

**7:00pm  
Minutes**

**Due to precautions related to the present concerns related to COVID-19,  
This meeting was conducted via a zoom meeting opened to the public.**

CALL TO ORDER: President Robin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Members in attendance: Robin Kaufman (President), Kelly Batten (Vice President), Dani Antique (Secretary), Sally Grigoriev (Treasurer), Katie Newbanks, Debbie Meyer. A quorum was met. Staff in attendance: Eric McDonald. Guests included: Tracy Van Putten, Trevor Christenson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion made Katie Newbanks/Sally Grigoriev to accept the May 2021 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT – A financial report from the city was submitted to the members indicating we have \$180,065.16 in our account. Motion made Sally Grigoriev/Katie Newbanks to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS: None.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES – None.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Ms. Kaufman .

- Welcomed everyone. Commented that this was an odd meeting as we normally have a number of small dog owners in attendance.
- Same protocol as meeting in person – please don't call out, wait to be called upon. If you cannot abide by our protocol, we can mute you.
- We received notice that community recreation groups can continue to hold meetings via zoom until further notice.
- Our July 3 parade and carnival that we did in conjunction with the RB Community Council was extremely successful. The Mayor, Senator Atkins, Councilwoman von Wilpert, Fire Chief Colin Stowel, Police Captain Holden were among the attendees.
- We had a nice turn out at our July 17 movies in the park.
- Close to a dozen individuals have emailed us since the last meeting in regard to questions about the tennis club. I refer them to Scott Davis via the tennis club's phone number and email address.
- After speaking with Claudia Apodaca, we came up with the idea of reaching out to the Ed Brown Center to see if they would like to work with Ysabel Di Profio, the 13 year old who made the presentation at the last meeting on the community garden. The Ed Brown Center is supposed to engage in intergenerational activities and I thought this would be a perfect match as community gardens need to have a non-profit entity supporting it. They are in the process of reviewing the matter.

- For those of you here for any dog park grant update - There are no updates at this time. When there are updates, the dog park ad hoc committee will meet.

### CITY STAFF REPORT –

Tyler Canales – District Manager: not present.

Claudia Apodaca – Acting Area Manager: not present.

Eric McDonald - Recreation Center Director. Eric reported the center is opened via reduced hours as of July 19. Reduced hours are due to a staff shortage. We presently only have 3 out of 7 staff for our center. All sports are starting up again and people are reserving rentals again. As of this meeting, Aztec landscaping is still on a temporary contract. We have 10 faulty sprinkler heads they will be addressing.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Community Parks I Area Committee** -Ms. Kaufman: no meeting.

**Community Council** – Ms. Kaufman: July is the beginning of the new fiscal year. The board approved the annual report, approved the shirts and medal designs for their upcoming pizza fun run on August 7, approved the recipient of the annual hats off to volunteers (Laurie Madsen), reviewed last minute details for the July 3 event, reviewed their annual elections, voted on new officers and reviewed the annual patriotic pet contests

**Planning Board** – Ms. Kaufman: An update was given on the March and Ash cannabis outlet, a hats off to volunteers recipient was announced (Patrick Vincent), and the board approved an updated letter on the draft park master plan

**Ed Brown Senior Center** – Tim Rohane, President was invited to attend. Tracey Van Putten, Vice President, attended and gave the following report: the center’s kick off event was last weekend with approximately 80 in attendance. The center received a \$300,000 grant for various improvements. Like the off leash dog park grant, it will be handled by the Park and Recreation Department. The board met last week and very briefly discussed the community garden. They plan on sending out a poll to their members to see if a community garden is of interest to them.

**Rancho Bernardo Tennis Club**- Scott Davis. Scott was unable make it back into town in time for our event, but sent the following report: The Rancho Bernardo Community Tennis Club reopened June 18, 2020. It was a slow recovery until January 2021. Currently membership is 165 with 50 people on waiting list.

The Club finished installing LED lights on tennis courts this year. Scott expressed his gratitude to us for supporting them in this venture (\$5,000).

**GBRLA** – Mr. Arnold. David update under action items.

**Dog Park** – Ms. Kaufman: holes have been filled in the large and all dog pens, more poop bags have been ordered. The dirt under the gate between the middle pen and where the small dogs presently are situated is being fixed. One of the folks in the large dog pen gave me some homemade treats for my dogs last week while I was tossing in some new tennis balls. She’s there almost every time I stop by with new tennis balls and she wanted to thank us for the contribution. I didn’t want to contradict her, but we don’t spend money on any tennis balls. I get them donated

by friends, and the tennis club and then toss them in there every 7-10 days. But, my dogs loved the treats! 😊

**Youth Sports:** All sports are going well and kids are enjoying being out there again.

### ACTION ITEMS

**101. Hats Off To Volunteers Recipient:** Motion made Robin Kaufman/Debbie Meyer to approve Katie Newbanks as our recipient of the award this year. Katie has done an outstanding job in getting kids involved in outdoor plays utilizing the portable stage we purchased. Motion passed unanimously.

**102. GBRLA Recipient(s):** David Arnold has been the lead this year. Due to unforeseen circumstances, a motion was made Robin Kaufman/Kelly Batten to table this award until further notice. Motion passed unanimously.

**103. Review and Approval 2021 Unfunded Park Improvements:** Eric McDonald presented this information. After reviewing some of the projects listed for our park, Motion made Robin Kaufman/Debbie Meyer approving the following as listed in accordance to priority:

- upgrade gymnasium
- upgrade fields 2 and 4 lighting, connecting 3 and 4
- upgrade kitchen
- shade structures for bleachers
- shade structures for playground
- upgrade irrigation system

### INFORMATION ITEMS

**201. Update on lawn bowling property:** Eric McDonald reported there is no update. Real Estate Assets department is still reviewing the matter. Robin Kaufman commented the area has been closed to public use since September 2016 – 5 years ago.

**202. Update on Halloween event:** We approved up to \$2,000 for the event back in January, 2020. We have given permission for the RB Community Council to add a beer garden aspect to this event if they are able to complete all the necessary documentation.

**203. Update on Movies in the Park:** Our first movie was on Saturday, July 17. Our next one is scheduled for August 21.

WORKSHOP – none.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made Robin Kaufman/Katie Newbanks to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center  
18448 West Bernardo Drive San Diego CA, 92127