

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RANCHO BERNARDO COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP**

Minutes

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

7:00pm

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Robin Kaufman.

Members in attendance: Robin Kaufman, Katie Newbanks, Dani Antique, Sally Grigoriev, David Arnold, Debbie Meyer. A quorum was met. Staff in attendance: Becky Lowndes, Eric McDonald, Tonya Thomas (most of the meeting). Guests: Trevor Christensen, Debbie Ledingham, Pat Batten, Linda Hickman, members of girl scout troop 2357.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – September, 2021: Motion made Robin Kaufman/Debbie Meyer to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed 4-0-2 with David Arnold and Dani Antique abstaining as they were not present at the September meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT – Ms. Grigoriev

As of Sept 30th: \$232,164.15

As of Oct 31st: \$243,144.15

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS: This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Council. (Comments relating to items on today's Agenda are to be taken at the time the item is heard,) Comments will be limited to (3) three minutes and is not debatable.)

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES – None

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Ms. Kaufman .

-Graffiti on the playground equipment this weekend. I informed staff about it.

-A resident informed me of the Men's bathroom stall by the gazebo was overflowing this weekend. I contacted Eric immediately and he called it in.

-Met with Mayor and Councilwoman von Wilpert looking at the lawn bowling area which has been locked up since September 2015. Mayor noticed a number of beer bottles on the property and commented that would be cleaned up and wouldn't occur if a group was leasing the property. His office is contacting DREAM to see what the hold up is with working with the soccer league. Repeating what I said when the meeting was called to order, Posting/publicizing of agendas and minutes is the responsibility of staff. Similarly, the daily maintenance of the park, including the off-leash dog park, is and has always been, the responsibility of city staff.

As everyone can see, we have several young residents in attendance. They are here to present action item 101. I would like to make a motion that we allow them to give their presentation now and then we proceed with the rest of our agenda afterwards. Motion: Robin Kaufman/Debbie Meyers. Unanimously approved.

CITY STAFF REPORT –

Becky Lowndes – Acting Area Manager: After the big rain storm, staff overviewed the fields and building to assess any damage. No damage was noted. Becky commented that people do need to be careful of muddy and slippery areas. This is the time of year where we rest the fields and do some seeding. More dirt was ordered to fill the various holes in the dog pens. Irrigation issues have been addressed in the dog pens. Wood fiber has been placed in the playground area. A reminder that the recreation center will be closed the day before Christmas, Christmas, the day and January 1.

Eric McDonald - Recreation Center Director – The center has a smaller amount of staff at this time. The existing staff is doing their best to get everything accomplished. New pickle ball equipment has been purchased. Staff has been able to accommodate the basketball league's concerns that were addressed at the last meeting. 60 hour weeks will start January 3, 2022. Graffiti has been noted and will be taken care of.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee – Ms. Kaufman cancelled
Community Council – Ms. Kaufman : 5 students applied for the two student member positions. They were interviewed and the ad hoc recommended two students, which were approved by the full board: the board approved the 2023 MAD budget; the board approved a fun run for September. The Board approved a date for the annual earth day fair.

Planning Board – Ms. Kaufman the board tabled a vote on an antenna proposed on Swim and Tennis property due to new information that was presented that evening but not at the subcommittee level; the board heard a presentation on an affirmed housing project on West Bernardo Drive by the transit station; the board approved comments to be submitted in regard to the City's zoning code update. The Board is meeting tomorrow evening.

Ed Brown Senior Center – Tim Rohane, President No report. It has been noted that the Ed Brown Center has been utilizing the lawn bowling office for the past 3 years as a storage area for all their tables and canopies as opposed to putting the items in the two storage units they were given permission to purchase for the storage of those items.

Rancho Bernardo Tennis Club- Scott Davis no changes since last report – doing well with a waiting list

Dog Park – Ms. Kaufman irrigation system was reviewed. I received a complaint that someone was harassed by two individuals when they attempted to use the small dog pen for the first time, so they left.

Youth Sports – David Arnold mentioned there is a record number of filed space. Most of the sports are winding down right now. Katie Newbanks reported her plays will be starting up in the near future. Sally Grigoriev commented no update on the use of the lawn bowling area for soccer.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Girl Scout Troop 2357 to Present Proposed Project: Robin Kaufman had reached out to the Troop in regard to building owl houses on the community park property. Members of the Troop took turns presenting the powerpoint pertaining to building a couple of owl houses as part of their Silver Award project. Motion made Robin Kaufman/Debbie Meyer to approve the project

with the Troop members working with our staff to coordinate the locations and other details. Motion passed unanimously.

102. Presentation of Project #695697, AT&T Rancho Bernardo Community Park: The representative was unable to attend. Motion made Robin Kaufman/Sally Grigoriev to table for the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

1.03. Fiscal Year Budget Review: Eric McDonald presented the proposed budget which included 'pre-pandemic' programs. He also mentioned possibly adding indoor roller-skating program. People would need to provide their own indoor skates. Tonya Thomas would run the activity. Motion made Debbie Meyer/David Arnold to accept the budget. Motion passed unanimously.

104. Trevor Christensen Presentation: Trevor Christensen presented himself to fill Mike Gaylord's vacancy. Trevor is very active in the community, including the Director of Neighborhood Watch. Motion made Sally Grigoriev/Robin Kaufman the addition of Trevor Christensen. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

201. Update on lawn bowling property: Becky Lowdes mentioned she is meeting with the Department of Real Estate and Airport Management (DREAM) after the new year and will have an update at our next meeting.

202. Update on Future Events: Due to various staff cutbacks, some of our annual events may have to be cut back.

WORKSHOP – none.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made Katie Newbanks/Trevor Christensen to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center
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