

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS RECREATION ADVISORY GROUP
JANUARY 28, 2021
MINUTES**

Meeting Location:

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Glenn Hachadorian – Pony Colt Baseball
Jennifer Palkovic – Sienna’s Playgarden
Ben Airth – RPLL
Raj Ghai – Cricket

OFFICERS

Steve Leffler – Chairperson/Tennis
Steve Mauch – Vice Chairperson/PQGSA
Rick Hudson – Secretary / RP Pop Warner

STAFF

Mark Moncey- Area Manager
Becky Lowndes – Center Director III
Rex Cabanas – Center Director III
Gilbert Herrera- Asst Center Director
Lauren Mirro – Asst Center Director

ABSENT

Brad Reschke – RPB
Efrain Gonzalez – Wolverine Youth Football
Diane Wavrik – Secretary/YMCA
Peter Stogsdill – PQYSA
Sean Bascom- Sprockids
Theresa Gonzaga – Town Council

VISITORS

None

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 22, 2020

MOTION: It was moved/ seconded (Rick Hudson/ Glenn Hachadorian) to approve minutes as presented from October 22, 2020. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

C. TREASURER’S REPORT – City Staff

- Gilbert reported the Canyonside Fund is currently \$244,083.47
- Rex reported the Hilltop Fund is currently \$60,445.65

D. REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

E. COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to 5 minutes per speaker, informational in nature, items not on the agenda. Not to be debated or voted upon at current meeting unless agreed upon by full council). – **None**

F. INFORMATION ITEMS – None

G. ACTION ITEMS

Consent (Items are adopted without discussion)

Adoption (Each item requires individual action)

1. Elections for Recreation Advisory Group Officers

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Steve Mauch / Glenn Hachadorian) to elect Steve Leffler as Chairperson, Steve Mauch as Vice Chair, and Rick Hudson as Secretary of the Recreation Advisory Group for the year of 2021. **The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).**

H. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Steve Leffler

No Report

I. VICE CHAIR REPORT – Steve Mauch

Absent

J. SECRETARY REPORT – Rick Hudson

No Report

K. PARK AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS

1) Rancho Peñasquitos Area Manager, Mark Moncey– The sub-contractor for the Canyonside Parking Lot Project is anticipating completion of the irrigation trench of the new and existing parking lot to be completed by the end of next week, if weather permits. The grading operations have been completed and no changes are expected. An additional drainage ditch has not been initiated. New driveways are pending final determination for landscaping as well. The new HVAC system at Canyonside is almost complete; a final walk through and inspection still needs to happen. Peñasquitos Creek Park had some damage in the Basketball court, the park planner and the engineer looked at it; the area will be processed for resurfacing. Hats off to staff for to the Letters to Santa Event; an upward of 300 letters were received all around San Diego and other cities. Mark commended staff who have done a great job to help the convention center and other COVID emergency areas.

2) Canyonside Recreation Center Report– Becky Lowndes reported that Canyonside is still issuing permits in two-week increments for youth sports; adult activities are still prohibited. Staff will be hosting virtual programming between Hilltop and Canyonside beginning in March.

Canyonside will be offering a book club, guitar club and an Arts and Craft club. All programs will be free and participants will need to register through sdreconnect.

- 3) **Hilltop Recreation Center Director** - Lauren Mirro reported that staff will be having an Egg Scavenger Hunt in March. Eggs will be hidden in 8 local parks. A drive through pick up will be happening at Hilltop Recreation Center April 3, 2021. More details to come. Rex Cabanas reported that recently the grass area behind the recreation center was seeded due the vandalism from the truck incident that occurred a few months ago. There was also a main-line irrigation break at the amphitheater which staff isolated and repaired.

L. ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Community Parks I Area Committee – Steve Mauch**
Absent
- 2) **RPB Basketball - Brad Reschke**
Absent
- 3) **PQ Girls Softball – Steve Mauch**
Absent
- 4) **PQ Town Council – Theresa Gonzaga**
Absent
- 5) **PQ Youth Soccer - Peter Stogsdill**
Absent
- 6) **RP Little League – Ben Airth**
Little League is prepared for Spring practice. They will prepare for games when guidelines allow it. They are working at only 70% capacity now.
- 7) **Cricket – Raj Ghai**
Cricket is improving field conditions on field 1. They are following the state safety guidelines.
- 8) **Pony/ Colt - Glen Hachadorian**
No Report
- 9) **YMCA - Diane Wavrik**
Absent
- 10) **RP Tennis - Steve Leffler**

Tennis completed landscape and trimming improvements. They will have a contractor to keep up the gardens around the Tennis courts. In response to some of the members, they got a portable restroom and put it on the lower part of the tennis courts for patrons.

11) Pop Warner - Rick Hudson

Pop Warner is getting ready for Fall 2021 season.

12) Planning Board - Steve Leffler

On January 6, 2021 the Planning Board group and the Recreation Coalition group met to discuss topics that had to do with the Parks Master Plan. The Recreation Coalition group is made from all volunteers who were once city planners and carry expertise in certain subjects. In a nutshell, the main criteria for parks has been the acreage and amount of people per park. Unfortunately, that is not the reality for urban areas like downtown and other dense areas. So, they are looking at other alternatives to make up for the lack of space. Perhaps other pocket parks or interesting ideas. The plan was rejected but the Park Master Plan will now be reconsidered.

13) Wolverine Youth Football - Efrain Gonzalez

Absent

14) Sienna's Playgarden - Jennifer Palkovic

Jen thanked city staff for being of service. The children of the community are happy to have the playground open again after recent COVID closure.

15) Sprockids- Sean Bascom

Absent

M. Workshop Items- None

N. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

Becky Lowndes
Center Director III

Steve Leffler
Chairperson