

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS RECREATION ADVISORY GROUP

April 22, 2021

MINUTES

**Meeting Location:**  
Virtual Meeting on Zoom

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Steve Leffler – Chairperson/Tennis  
Sanjit Menezes – Cricket  
Sean Bascom – Sprockids  
Brian Reschke – RPB / Town Council  
Glenn Hachadorian – Pony/Colt  
Jennifer Palkovic – Sienna’s Playgarden

**OFFICERS**

Steve Leffler – Chairperson/Tennis

**STAFF**

Mark Moncey – Area Manager  
Becky Lowndes – Center Director, Canyonside  
Gilbert Herrera – OCA Center Director, Hilltop  
Brian Vaira – OCA Asst. Center Director, Hilltop

**ABSENT**

Aaron McDaniel – RPLL  
Rick Hudson – Secretary/Pop Warner  
Steve Mauch – Vice Chairperson/PQGSA  
Theresa Gonzaga – Town Council  
Peter Stogsdill – PQYSA  
Efrain Gonzalez – Wolverine Yth Football  
Diane Wavrik – YMCA

**VISITORS**

Mike Donahue  
Daniel Scherer  
Glenn Sherman  
Julie Simone  
Patsy Greenwald  
Susan Davis  
Sara Ackley  
Susan Gehrke

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

**B. 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).

a. Rancho Peñasquitos Tennis Center (RPTC) – Membership, Maintenance, and Records

i. Glenn Sherman presented concerns about the credibility of the election of RPTC board members.

ii. Susan Davis is concerned about the lack of transparency and irregularities in voting procedures, stating that they are unfair. She also has concerns regarding the transparency and accuracy of taxes and financial records.

iii. Dan Scherer, RPTC President, responded to the concerns of the election and financial accountability.

iv. Mike Donahue addressed fair elections saying this is a tough political environment and contentious both ways but, he expressed his complete confidence in the board to handle the process and looked forward to working with a newly elected board.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 22, 2021**

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (S. Bascom/S. Menezes) to approve minutes from March 25, 2021. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-2)

**D. TREASURER’S REPORT**

- a. Becky reported the Recreation Fund Balances as of February 2021 are:  
Canyonside - \$249,896.47  
Hilltop - \$59,676.64

**E. REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES – None**

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**G. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. **Approval of FY22 Operating Budget for Canyonside Recreation Center**  
**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (S. Bascom/B. Reschke) to approve Canyonside’s FY22 Operating Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0-0)
- b. **Approval of FY22 Operating Budget for Hilltop Recreation Center**  
**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (S. Menezes/B. Reschke) to approve Hilltop’s FY22 Operating Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0-0)
- c. **Park improvements for Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board Funding List**  
**MOTION:** It was determined that no action is needed from the Recreation Advisory Group at this time.
- d. **Removal of Advisory Group Members in accordance with Section 4.5 if the bylaws – Exceeded amounts of unexcused absences.**  
**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (S. Menezes/B. Reschke) to remove Diane Wavrik, Peter Stogsdill, and Efrain Gonzalez from the Rancho Peñasquitos Recreation Advisory Group. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

**H. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Steve Leffler No Report**

**I. VICE CHAIR REPORT – Steve Mauch Absent**

**J. SECRETARY REPORT - Rick Hudson Absent**

**K. PARK AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS**

**1) Rancho Peñasquitos Area Manager – Mark Moncey**

Mark Moncey reported that the new parking lot is anticipated to be completed and open mid-September 2021 or sooner. Timbers were installed this week to delineate each parking space. The parking lot is decomposed granite; due to this material, there could be times that the lot will be closed due to weather conditions. The Gymnasium HVAC project has been accepted and is now complete. The construction for Black Mountain Ranch Phase Two will begin soon; no construction date has been set yet. Construction will be done on the remaining 17 acres of the park. Amenities include: Multi-purpose field, comfort station, multi-use court, parking lot, playground, dog off-leash area, shade structure, site furnishing, drainage improvements, and irrigation. City electricians will be coming on site within a few weeks to repair some sports fields lights at Canyonside, Views West, and Black Mountain Ranch, as well as other security lights around our neighborhood parks.

**2) Canyonside Recreation Center Director – Becky Lowndes**

Becky Lowndes reported that the Spring Egg Scavenger Hunt was a success with roughly 650 goodie bags given to kids that participated in the drive-through event. The city is now allowing tournaments to occur with a maximum of 16 teams or 160 participants. Recreation Centers are planning to reopen June 1<sup>st</sup>, only registered participants will be allowed to enter. Maggie's Fine Arts and the YMCA Gymnastics programs are the only two activities slated to return in June.

**3) Hilltop Recreation Center Director – Gilbert Herrera**

Becky Lowndes reported that the City is now issuing permits for picnic shelters. Groups up to 50 can now make reservations. Mark Moncey reported that a few benches were vandalized; staff is waiting for the repairs to be made.

**L. ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1) Community Parks I Area Committee – Glenn Hachadorian Absent**

**2) RPB Basketball - Brian Reschke**

RPB is planning to return to indoor practices in November and December.

**3) PQ Girls Softball – Steve Mauch Absent**

**4) PQ Town Council – Brian Reschke**

Brian Reschke reported that Town Council will not be having Fiesta this year. They are also working towards a laser light show for 4<sup>th</sup> of July; most people remaining in the car for the event.

**5) PQ Youth Soccer - Peter Stogsdill Absent**

**6) RP Little League – Aaron McDaniel Absent**

**7) Cricket – Sanjit Menezes - No Report**

**8) Pony/Colt - Glen Hachadorian - No Report**

**9) YMCA - Diane Wavrik Absent**

**10) RP Tennis - Steve Leffler – No Report**

**11) Pop Warner - Rick Hudson Absent**

**12) Planning Board - Steve Leffler**

Peñasquitos Hills Park was listed as a priority for the funding list for park improvements.

**13) Wolverine Youth Football - Efrain Gonzalez Absent**

**14) Sienna’s Playgarden - Jennifer Palkovic – No Report**

**15) Sprockids – Sean Bascom**

Sprockids wrapped up the Spring after school program with 10 kids, that went very well. There are other programs happening at other locations around the County.

**M. Workshop Items**

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Lowndes

Approved by,  
Mark Moncey