

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ROBERT EGGER SR., SOUTH BAY RECREATION ADVISORY GROUP
PUBLIC NOTICE & MINUTES

September 16, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Held by Teleconference:

This meeting was held remotely using the Zoom platform and livestream.

NOTE: Both verbal and written communication were used by Board members, City staff, and presenters during the meeting. Board members and City staff utilized the chat function in Zoom to share comments and web links which were visible to those who viewed the meeting. City staff also used the screen-share function to allow viewers to view content shared by the speaker which included Zoom presentations and websites.

ATTENDANCE

Lupe Arebalo
Obed Ferrari
Rosa Ruesga
Edgar Gartias
Walter Zumstein
Johnny Swanson

ABSENT

Joel Vazquez
Robert Broomfield
Karlo Garcia
Mary Quiba

STAFF

Albert Hara, Area Manager II
Viviana Zermeno, Center Director III
Gerardo Ramirez, CD8 Representative
Carlos Edington, SDPD- Community Relations Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Walt Zumstein called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

All present at this meeting introduced themselves

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (J. Swanson/L. Arebola) to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions

COMMUNICATIONS:

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT

Gerardo Ramirez, City Council Representative, updated everyone on the following topics:

1. City of San Diego: The San Diego City Council approved a Recall and Retention Ordinance for Employees Working in the Service and Hospitality Industry Due to the Declared State of Emergency from COVID-19. This ordinance requires hotels, event centers and commercial property businesses to recall employees by seniority when businesses begin to recover and to retain employees. The ordinance applies to hotels with more than 200 rooms, janitorial, maintenance and security companies with more than 25 employees and gives recalled employees three days to decide whether to accept an offer to return. The ordinance, which was approved on a 7-2 vote, will remain in effect for six months or until Dec. 31, depending on Gov. Gavin Newsom and whether he signs Assembly Bill 3216 into law statewide. The state legislation has a significantly lower bar, requiring hotels with 50 or more rooms and

event centers with 50,000 square feet or 1,000 seats or more to employ retain and recall rules by seniority.

2. Small Business Advisory Board: The City of San Diego will be discussing issues facing businesses and the best ways to use economic development resources to expand, attract and retain business in the City of San Diego. On Friday, Sep. 18, 2020 from 9:00 - 10:30 am at The City of San Diego's Public Meeting YouTube Channel.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

Carlos Edington, SDPD – thanked the South Bay Recreation Center staff for allowing him to be a part of the Backpack Giveaway Event on Friday, August 28th. He mentioned it was a very quick yet fun event. Due to COVID-19 the Police Department has been trying to assist Parks & Recreation Department with any situations they might have as much as possible but is ultimately based on the priority level. He also made aware that there has been numerous calls about reckless driving at Montgomery Waller Park and if anyone comes into contact with this situation to please be cautious and call the Non-Emergency Police number right away. Lastly, he mentioned that they have a new Captain by the name of Martha Steins.

COMMUNITY PARKS II AREA COMMITTEE REPORT

None

ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Obed Ferrari, Brazuca Soccer Organization, reported that his teams are eager and getting restless about patiently waiting on the day they will be allowed to play competitive sports again.

Lupe Arebalo, Adult Ceramics, had nothing to report and would like to wait for reopening to start the ceramics program up again.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Walt Zumstein, Chairperson, had nothing to report.

STAFF REPORTS

Viviana Zermeno, Center Director III reported the following:

1. Covid-19 Closure- South Bay staff have been up keeping the facility with all necessary changes and have been working on little projects to improve the facility. Some of these include, sanitizing the facility every hour, adding all appropriate signage, pressure washing the courtyard, painted a beautiful "Home" and "Guest" sign on the gym walls for sporting events, repainted and added lockers in the gym to reduce the amount of theft, laser leveled both fields, replaced and painted new backstops on both fields, added and raised new irrigation valves to improve the quality of the field and replaced all base anchors.
2. New Metal Storage Container- located near the dumpsters. This container will hold majority of our special event décor, chairs and tables. Also, in the process of removing two older metal containers and relocating the one in the Northwest fence closer to Ball Field 1 for easier access during our Sporting Events.
3. Free Backpack Giveaway Event – The event was held on Friday, September 18th from 12:00-1:00pm. This included 100 backpacks, donated from many local Walmart's and SD Parks Foundation, that were packed with school supplies and hygiene products. Officer Edington and the Captain helped tremendously with the traffic flow. As there was a line that wrapped all the way around off Coronado Ave near Ball Field 2. The community did very well with following the social distancing marked area's and had no complaints. All 100 backpacks were distributed in the first 15 minutes.

4. Feeding San Diego – South Bay Recreation Center was one of the many sites listed to distribute free breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday from 12:00pm to 1:00pm to all children 18 years and younger. The program has been extended to the end of October and will most likely continue to the rest of the year. Children do not need to be present to receive a free meal.
5. Virtual Homework Help- The City of San Diego’s Teen Advisory Group will be starting a Virtual Homework Help program this upcoming week. It will consist of two 45-minute sessions a week for five ongoing weeks and includes one on one help from a selected tutor that specializes in each child’s needs. Age groups include elementary school, middle school and high school.
6. Virtual Programming and other events- The South Bay Recreation Center is waiting on approval to run a variety of virtual programming and social distancing events, which will include Sports Clinics, Arts and Crafts, Ceramics Class, Tiny Tots, Zumba, Drawing Class and Halloween Drive Thru event.

Albert Hara, Area Manager reported the following:

1. Covid-19 Closure– In March, when COVID-19 first hit the City of San Diego directed all parks to close parking lots, playgrounds, fields and were only allowing walking, running, riding bike etc. A couple of months ago the city directed to open the parking lots, soon after came time to open the outdoor basketball courts and a couple of weeks prior to that youth sport groups were allowed to hold practices with limitations. Depending on the rate of COVID-19 the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department may be opening soon. If Parks and Recreation Department does open to the public this will include a variety of virtual programming, consistent sanitization from staff members, proper reopening plans and signage will be posted for safety purposes.

ACTION ITEM

None

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (J. Swanson/R. Ruesga) to adjourn the meeting at 7:05p.m. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

November 18, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Approved by,

Albert Hara
Area Manager

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Area Manager

Walt Zumstein
Chairperson