

City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Department  
San Ysidro Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2020

**“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”**

**Online Meeting Held at:**

San Ysidro Community Activity Center  
179 Diza Road  
San Ysidro, CA 92173

**Mailing Address is:**

179 Diza Road  
San Ysidro, CA 92173

**Members Present:**

Juan Lopez  
Enrique Duran  
Martin Ortega  
Felipe Muro  
Rosa Ruesga  
Ricardo Herrera  
Victoria Barba

**City Staff:**

Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director  
Mari Jo Ricanor Recreation Center Director  
Peter Flores, Area Manager, OCA  
Jennifer Vaupel, Assistant Center Director  
Yvette Zamudio, Assistant Center Director  
Christopher Gris, Council District 8 Office

**Members Absent:**

Obed Ferrari  
David Guerrero

**Guests:**

Alissa Cordova  
Rafael Padilla  
Carmen Roji  
Claudia Torres  
Natalie Cushman  
Stephanie Estrada  
Vanessa Najera  
Chris Romano

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Felipe Muro called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and asked all individuals in attendance to introduce themselves by name and organization.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10, 2020 MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (J. Lopez/ M. Ortega) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention (V. Barba).

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA:**

None

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None

## **SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:**

None

## **COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:**

Council District 8 Representative Christopher Gris reported the following:

- ‘Coffee with Councilmember’ will be held via zoom on January 30, 2021 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Items of discussion include the San Ysidro Teen Center and Beyer Park.
- Community clean up events are scheduled for January and February 2021.

## **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:**

None

## **TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Robert Lara offered to email a copy of the latest reports with next month’s agenda and minute.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:**

Martin Ortega asked staff for an update on illegal soccer games being held at Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park. Enrique Duran wanted to ensure everyone that athletic organizations that permit in the San Ysidro area parks understand the field use protocols and are in compliance.

## **COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None

## **SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORT:**

Enrique Duran of Atlante FC reported that their 30 teams are currently practicing. He is not sure when games will resume and the future of soccer going into 2021.

## **COMMUNITY REPORT:**

None

## **PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:**

Recreation Center Director Mari Jo Ricanor reported the following for Cesar Chavez Community Center:

- On October 30, staff conducted a curbside Halloween event along with school lunch distribution from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Staff handed out 300 treat bags with lunches to families driving up into the recreation parking lot.
- On November 20, staff conducted a curbside Turkey meal giveaway to 20 families who were selected at random from the Toys for Tots registration list. Families were called and drove up based on their appointment time to receive meals.

Recreation Center Director Robert Lara reported the following for San Ysidro Community Activity Center:

- Staff have continued to distribute free lunches and snacks to youth. The program will run through the end of December.
- On October 30, staff handed out over 300 candy bags to families participating in Halloween drive thru event.
- On November 20, staff raffled off 20 turkeys to families who pre-registered during lunch distribution and Toys for Tots registration.
- With assistance from Age Well Services, our staff have been running a Virtual Loteria Program every Thursday at 2:30 pm.
- The deadline for Beyer Undeveloped Park grants submittal has been extended to March 2021.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- Chris Romano of SANDAG provided an update on the Border to Bayshore Bikeway project, which is a 6.5-mile bikeway that will connect the border crossing at the San Ysidro Port of Entry to the Bayshore Bikeway in Imperial Beach. The focused update was on the project features in the area surrounding the San Ysidro Park.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Felipe Muro adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm via online meeting.

Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

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Mari Jo Ricanor  
Recreation Center Director

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Peter Flores  
OCA Area Manager

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Felipe Muro  
Chairperson