

City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Department  
San Ysidro Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
**January 11, 2021**

**“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:**

Obed Ferrari  
Enrique Duran  
Martin Ortega  
Felipe Muro  
Rosa Ruesga  
Stephanie Estrada, Mayor’s Office  
Juan Razo, Therapeutic Services  
Rafael Padilla, Age Well Services

**City Staff:**

Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director  
Mari Jo Ricanor Recreation Center Director  
Erek Estrada, Area Manager  
Yvette Zamudio, Assistant Center Director  
Carlos Lacarra, San Diego Police Department

**Members Absent:**

David Guerrero  
Juan Lopez  
Ricardo Herrera  
Victoria Barba

**Guests:**

Carmen Roji

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Center Director Robert Lara called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and conducted roll call to all individuals in attendance to introduce themselves by name and organization.

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 14, 2020 MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (E. Duran/ R. Ruesga) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstention.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

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

None

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None

### **MAYOR'S OFFICE REPORT:**

Mayor's representative Stephanie Estrada reported the following:

- Stephanie introduced herself to everyone and her role as the Mayor's representative for the area.
- Mayor Todd Gloria will conduct the 2021 State of the City address livestream on January 13 at 6:00 pm. At the San Ysidro Public Library. The address can be viewed on cable channel 24 or online at sandiego.gov.
- An Executive Order regarding COVID-19 regulations and State order was issued on December 30. Please adhere to the public health order and guidelines.
- The City of San Diego is limiting parking enforcement and the issuance of citations to holiday or Sunday enforcement regulations. This will include no enforcement for parking meters, yellow commercial zones, short-term green zones and 1- to 2-hour time parking zones. Red, white, blue and other all-time enforcement areas will continue to be enforced.
- The City encourages residents to report all 72-hour vehicle parking violations through the 'Get it Done' app on their cell phone.

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

- Officer Lacarra returned to the area after a 10-month special assignment.

### **COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:**

None

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

None

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

### **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 complying.

### **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 held a curbside Halloween event along with school lunch distribution from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Staff distributed 300 treat bags with lunches to families driving up into the recreation parking lot.
- On November 20, staff held a curbside Turkey meal giveaway to 20 families who were selected at random from the Toys for Tots registration list. Families were drove to Cesar Chavez to pick up their meals.
- On December 19, staff distributed 321 toys to over 100 families during the Toys for Tots toy distribution drive up event. Families were given a pickup time appointment and staff placed toys in vehicle trunks upon checking in.

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

- Staff registered 111 participants for the 'Toys for Tots' event and were distributed on December 17 and 18.
- Staff will continue to distribute FREE 'to go' meals through February 26, 2021. Service is Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- The recreation centers will be closed on January 18 to observe the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

- Teen Centers will be hosting a virtual video tournament on February 1. Participants will need to have a PS4 console and FIFA20 video game to participate. Register through Active net. Robert will send an email flyer with information to members.
- Assistant Center Director Jennifer Vaupel is currently working and out of class assignment at Silverwing Recreation Center. She will be there for 8 weeks.

Area Manager EreK Estrada reported the following for the San Ysidro area parks:

- Informed everyone he was on an out of class assignment in another Division from November to December.
- Several vacancies have opened throughout the department, primarily upper management positions.
- Due to COVID facilities remain closed and staff's main concentration of work has been on park maintenance upkeep, beautification and repairs as needed.
- Staff are following County guidelines regarding operations of facility and parks and receive daily updates if changes occur.
- Please inform staff or San Diego Police if they witness non-compliance of park guidelines related to COVID. City staff are educating the public when these guidelines are not being followed in the parks and facilities.
- Please inform staff or San Diego Police if they witness any illegal sports use such as athletic games occurring at the parks. City staff will inform and educate them on permit guidelines and policies related to the current field use at City parks.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- Juan Razo of Therapeutic Services and Rafael Padilla of Age well Services presented to everyone a slideshow presentation on the services they provide and are offering to start programming in the San Ysidro community alongside the recreation facilities. Due to COVID programs and activities being offered will be conducted online virtually via Zoom meetings.
- Robert announced to everyone that he emailed 3 attachments that contained information on the 'Updates to the Community Recreation Groups'. Questions received will be sent to our chain of command and will await a reply that will be presented at the next meeting.
- The next Advisory meeting will be held on February 11 virtual online via Zoom meeting. One the agenda will be an item to discuss the Beyer Undeveloped Park.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Center Director Robert Lara adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm via online Zoom meeting.

Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

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Mari Jo Ricanor  
Recreation Center Director

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Erek Estrada  
Area Manager

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Felipe Muro  
Chairperson