

City of San Diego  
Parks and Recreation Department  
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group  
Meeting Minutes  
February 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  
Ricardo Herrera  
Juan Lopez

**City Staff:**

Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director  
Mari Jo Ricanor Recreation Center Director  
Erek Estrada, Area Manager  
Yvette Zamudio, Assistant Center Director  
Manuel Gonzalez, District Manager  
Darren Genova, Park Designer  
Gerardo Ramirez, CD8 Representative  
Carlos Lacarra, San Diego Police Department  
Charles Miller, Public Arts  
Nusra Poomchongkho, Junior Engineer  
Jennifer Scott, Senior Engineer  
Ryan Barbrick, Supervising Management Analyst

**Members Absent:**

David Guerrero  
Victoria Barba

**Guests:**

Jeff Justus, Schmidt Designs  
Francisco Castellanos, Schmidt Designs  
Alejandro Amador, Casa Familiar  
Andy Sturm, Casa Familiar  
Bruce Englebert, Green Infrastructure  
David Tchong, Green Infrastructure  
German Ruesga  
Mariano Munoz  
Mauricio Romero  
Rosita Haro  
Stan Morison  
Bertha  
M. Chavarin  
Iphone Wendy

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Center Director Robert Lara called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and conducted roll call to all individuals in attendance to introduce themselves by name and organization.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 11, 2021 MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (E. Duran/ R. Ruesga) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with 7 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:**

None

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

None

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:**

Gerardo Ramirez introduced himself and informed everyone that he will be replacing Christopher Gris as the council district representative for Councilwoman Vivian Moreno.

**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:**

Ricardo Herrera requested information regarding advisory board guidelines and membership. He also asked staff if the board was recognized by the City as an official community advisory board representing San Ysidro.

**COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None

**SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORT:**

- Enrique Duran of Atlante FC reported that teams are still conducting inter squad practices. No update has been given when games will resume and the future of soccer going into 2021.
- Obed Ferrari of Brasuca Adult Soccer asked staff when will fields reopen for use to conduct Adult Soccer games.

**COMMUNITY REPORT:**

None

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:**

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

- Staff ran a virtual video tournament for teens via PS4 from February 1 to February 5. Players from Cesar Chavez advanced and will play in the championship on February 12.
- Parks will be closed to observe President's Day holiday on February 15.
- Permits are still being issued for youth outdoor sports such as soccer, baseball and softball at Larsen Field and Vista Pacifica Neighborhood Park.
- Staff continues to distribute free breakfast and lunch to students Monday through Friday in the main parking lot between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Program will end on April 30. Meals will not be served on February 15.

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

- All City of San Diego facilities will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of President's Day.

- Staff continues to distribute FREE ‘to go’ meals through April 30, 2021. Service is Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Staff are serving 90 meals daily.
- All City of San Diego facilities will be closed on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.
- Staff are running a Loteria program via Zoom. Please contact San Ysidro staff for registration information.

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

- Part time staff have taken the role of Grounds Maintenance Worker in an out of class assignment capacity until the vacancy can be filled.
- The old San Ysidro Library is going through renovations to be converted into the San Ysidro Teen Center. City staff are onsite daily working on painting, carpentry, HVAC and electrical wiring inside the building. Tile flooring will be installed once facility work is completed.

Pool Manager Gregorio Flores reported the following for Vista Terrace Pool:

- Pool is open to the public for swim lane reservations of 45 minutes. Register online through Active Net at sdreconnect.com. Locker rooms are closed, and restrooms are for emergency use only. There is a 45-minute limit swim time and patrons are required to exit using the side gate. It is free to register, but pool entry fees are still charged at the door.
- Pool staff will begin hosting high school swim teams next week for their modified season.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- Information Item 101- Status of General Development Plan (GDP) and Financing of Beyer Community Park. Darren Genova and Manuel Gonzalez presented a slideshow and answered questions and comments from the chat board from those in attendance.
- Information Item 102- Public input for Playground & Skate Park Amenities at Beyer Park. Staff from the Schmidt Design Group presented a slideshow and answered questions, comments and recommendations from the chat board from those in attendance.
- Information Item 103- Public Input Process for Public Art Projects, including Beyer Park. Charles Miller discussed the current projects and answered questions and comments from the chat board from those in attendance.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Center Director Robert Lara adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday March 8, 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