

City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Department
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 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
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Members Present:

Felipe Muro
Juan Lopez
Martin Ortega
Victoria Barba
Enrique Duran

City Staff:

Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director
Mari Jo Ricanor Recreation Center Director
Erek Estrada, Area Manager
Yvette Zamudio, Assistant Center Director
Cristina Sanchez, CD8 Representative
Lydia Marshall, Project Manager
Gregorio Flores, Pool Manager

Members Absent:

David Guerrero
Obed Ferrari
Ricardo Herrera
Rosa Ruesga

Guests:

CALL TO ORDER:

Center Director Robert Lara called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and conducted roll call to all individuals in attendance to introduce themselves by name and organization.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 8, 2021 MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved /seconded (E. Duran / J. Lopez) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 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:

Council District Representative Christina Sanchez reported the following on behalf of Councilwoman Vivian Moreno:

- City of San Diego is offering a rental and utility emergency assistance program to assist low income families experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. Applications accepted online at www.CovidAssistance.SDHC.org
- San Ysidro Middle School is offering FREE COVID-19 vaccines by appointment only. Vaccinations will be offered on April 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Contact (619) 906-5351 for more information.
- A FREE dumpster drop-off event has been scheduled for April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 125 Cypress Drive where residents can dispose of unwanted items.

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:

None

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE REPORT:

None

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORT:

- Martin Ortega of Sunday Adult Soccer announced he will be submitting his documents to staff in preparation for permitting fields for Adult sports use in May.
- Ricky Duran of Atlante FC announced that due to the unsafe field conditions, games will be relocated to Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park and Cesar Solis Community Park for the remainder of the soccer season. There are currently 22 teams from Atlante FC participating in the Spring League.
- Ricky Duran requested an update for setting up a meeting with the Area Manager and District Manager to discuss turf renovation and other field concerns for athletic use.

COMMUNITY REPORT:

None

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

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

- High School Swim is ending its' season and will transition to high school Water Polo.
- Open swim is available through online reservations only for swim on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Water safety lessons will begin in June. Classes will expand to recreation swim and lap swim as well.

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

- Staff will run a virtual video tournament for teens via PS4 from March 9 to March 12. The top two players from the tournament will advance to the championship the following week. Last month's video tournament 1st and 2nd place winners came from Cesar Chavez Community Center. Winners received gift cards from Best Buy and PS4 store.
- Due to COVID-19, staff will not be hosting the annual spring egg hunt at Larsen Field. Staff will be holding a FREE egg scavenger hunt outdoors from March 8 to April 1. Participants search for eggs at various parks and submit the answer to claim their prize during a treat 'grab and go' event on April 2 between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. at the Cesar Chavez Community Center main parking lot. Treat bags and prize baskets are limited.
- Student meal distribution continues Monday through Friday from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Meals are free and are handed out though drive up or walk up. This program will run month to month.

- Staff is currently working on staff led virtual programming. Registration accepted on Active Net.

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

- Staff continue 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 will start tracking meal counts in ‘real time’ once they receive tablets for input.
- Staff is instructing a FREE yoga virtual class on zoom. Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Registration is on Active Net. Please contact Robert for more information.
- San Ysidro Community Activity Center will receive additional funding through the Parks Foundation to offer a variety of recreational programming staff or contractual led this summer.

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

- Staff continue to work on beautification projects along 268 East Park Boulevard. Staff are spreading mulch and installing plants that are safer and landscape manageable.
- No new updates regarding improvements at Coral Gate Neighborhood Park. The City is in its final planning stages regarding playground improvements in this park. An update will be reported at next month’s meeting.
- The Beyer Park project continues in its planning stages. Changes have been made regarding basketball court sizing from full to half court. Another update will be reported at next month’s meeting.
- Staff continue to work on park improvements in the San Ysidro area and is also working with San Diego Police Department on the increase of transient gathering in front of the old San Ysidro Library and Senior Center buildings. Other issues include graffiti, vandalism and illegal dumps in the area.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

None

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Center Director Robert Lara adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday May 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm via online Zoom meeting.

Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

Mari Jo Ricanor
Recreation Center Director

Erek Estrada
Area Manager

Felipe Muro
Chairperson