

City of San Diego  
Parks and Recreation Department  
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group  
Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 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:**

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  
Jennifer Vaupel, Assistant Center Director  
Gerardo Ramirez, CD8 Representative  
Stephanie Estrada, Mayor Representative

**Members Absent:**

David Guerrero  
Ricardo Herrera  
Rosa Ruesga

**Guests:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Center Director Robert Lara called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and conducted roll call of all individuals in attendance to introduce themselves by name and organization. Robert requested a moment of silence in remembrance of long time San Ysidro Advisory Board member Obed Ferrari, who died on April 28, 2021.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 12, 2021 MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (F. Muro / E. Duran) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with 4 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:**

Representative Stephanie Estrada reported the following on behalf of City Mayor Todd Gloria:

- The City’s proposed budget was posted on April 20. It can be viewed online at [sandiego.gov](http://sandiego.gov) website and will be adopted in June.

- The City is currently operating under the County’s orange tier system. It is hopeful that the tiers will be lifted by June 15.
- 70,000 vaccines have been administered to the public and will continue for those seeking vaccinations in the City and County of San Diego.
- ‘Operation Shelter to Home’ concluded on March 5 at the San Diego Convention Center. Those that were participating in this program have safely relocated to the City’s reconfigured shelters, where they will continue to receive shelter and services.
- A San Diego community-based nonprofit has been asked by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to lead social services for unaccompanied minors temporarily staying at the San Diego Convention Center.
- South Bay Community Services will be providing social services to 476 migrant children, ages 13 to 17 currently housed at the San Diego Convention Center children. They will be temporarily sheltered until they can be transported to safe housing with family members or sponsors living in the U.S.
- Councilmember Vivian Moreno (District 8) will host a Virtual Community Town Hall as part of her monthly community forums and cleanups throughout District 8. The meeting will be held on May 20 at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Councilwoman Vivian Moreno’s office for more information.

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

None

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:**

Council District Representative Gerardo Ramirez reported the following on behalf of Councilwoman Vivian Moreno:

- San Ysidro Middle School is offering FREE COVID-19 vaccinations. They will be offered on May 15 from 7:00 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 May 27 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:**

- Ricky Duran of Atlante FC reported the group’s spring season is ending soon. 30 to 40 teams are planning to register for the fall season in September. When weather conditions start warming up, fertilization projects for sports turf at Larsen Field can be applied. There has been an increase in gopher activity that has placed fields in poor, unsafe conditions for use.
- Felipe Muro of Comsports is waiting for fields to be fully reopened in order to start reserving permit use at Larsen Field and other sites in the San Ysidro community.

**COMMUNITY REPORT:**

None

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:**

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

- Student meal distribution continues Monday through Friday from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Meals are free for recipients who walk or drive through. This program is currently running April through June.

- Staff is currently planning to implement Nature Camp, Summer Camp, Young Engineers Science Camp, Young Engineers Superheroes Camp, and Prep Sports & Play this summer. Registration fees will be \$20 to \$50.00 per person. Staff will accept in person registration by appointment only. Active Net online registration will also be available. Please contact staff for more information.
- Staff will host Teen Nite for eight weeks from July 9 – August 27. Program is run on Fridays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and is Free to teens ages 12 to 17 years old.
- Movies in the Park will take place on August 13. The event is free to the public and will be held at Larsen Field.

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

- Staff continue to distribute FREE ‘to go’ meals through June 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.
- 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. Programs include Nature Camp, Young Engineers Science Camp, Young Engineers Adventure Camp and Staff led Summer Camp. Fees run \$36.00 to \$50.00 per person, per week. Please contact staff for open registration dates and times. Staff will take in person registration by appointment only. Active Net online registration will also be available.

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

- Staff continue to work with San Diego Police Department regarding the increase of transient gathering in front of the old San Ysidro Library, Senior Center buildings and parks in the San Ysidro area. There has also been an increase of incidents regarding graffiti, vandalism and illegal dumps in the area.
- Staff continue to work on beautification projects along 268 East Park Boulevard. Staff are spreading mulch and installing drought tolerant plants that are safer and landscape manageable.
- The City is in its final planning stages regarding the Coral Gate Neighborhood Park and Playground Improvement Project. Once completed, a date will be announced to present it to the public to allow any questions, comments or concerns.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Cesar Chavez Community Center FY22 Budget - Tabled
2. San Ysidro Community Activity Center FY22 Budget - Tabled

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Center Director Robert Lara adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday June 14, 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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Ereka Estrada  
Area Manager

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Felipe Muro  
Chairperson