

City of San Diego  
Parks and Recreation Department  
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group  
Meeting Minutes  
**September 12, 2022**

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

**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:**

Rosa Ruesga  
Juan Lopez  
Felipe Muro  
Martin Ortega  
Consuelo Delgadillo

**City Staff:**

Mari Jo Ricanor Recreation Center Director  
Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director  
Belinda Fimbres, Recreation Center Director  
Kathy Costello, Area Manager, Aquatics  
Carlos Lacarra, Community Relations, SDPD

**Members Absent:**

David Guerrero  
Ricky Duran

**Guests:**

Rosita Haro  
Noah Mendoza

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Chairperson Rosa Ruesga called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Introductions were made around the table for those in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 13, 2022 MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (F. Muro/J. Lopez) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with 2 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstention.

**FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

Rosita Haro has attended 3 consecutive meetings and will formally request for membership, which will go into effect at the October 10 meeting.

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable)

None

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO MAYOR’S REPORT:**

None

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:**

Recreation Center Director Robert Lara reported on behalf of Council District 8 Representative Alondra Gonzalez:

- City’s Transportation Department will be working on a lighting project along San Ysidro Blvd.

- The San Diego Humane Society will hold a ‘Pup’ Up event at La Mirada Elementary, Joint Use Field on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free services for pets include pet supplies, microchipping and low-cost vaccines for dogs and cats. No appointment necessary. Services are open to the first 50 pets.

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

Community Relations Officer Carlos Lacarra reported the following:

- Officers are assisting staff in addressing illegal field use with no permits and off-road parking on turf occurring at Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park.
- Officers are assisting staff in addressing the increase of alcohol use incidents occurring around the San Ysidro Teen and Senior Center.

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:**

None

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Robert Lara presented the most recent financial RCF Budget to Actuals report as of August 22, 2022:

- Cesar Chavez Community Center Fund Balance: \$37,155.39
- San Ysidro Recreation Center Fund Balance: \$47,848.50

**BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:**

None

**SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:**

Felipe Muro of ‘Comsports’ informed everyone that they are preparing for their upcoming sporting events. Villa Cup will take place on November 19-20 and Villa Cup will take place on February 18-19, 2023. He is working with park staff on determining site locations for these events.

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:**

Consuelo Delgadillo of ‘Helping Hands Working Together’ informed everyone food distribution events being held in San Ysidro. Food distribution is free of charge with the following locations offering the event monthly:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at Mt. Carmel Church from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at Las Americas Parking Lot from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Emergency food distribution at 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. daily at San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce, 603 East San Ysidro Blvd.

Juan Lopez of ‘A.I.C.I.’ reported the following:

- Participants in senior karaoke program are having a difficult time finding parking in the parking lot due to an increase of cars parking in the lot for a long period of time.
- The group will hold a Fiestas Patrias at the San Ysidro Senior Center on September 15 from 5:00 to 9:45 p.m. Activities will include karaoke, music, dance, and a mariachi band performance. Food tickets will be sold for \$10.00, and proceeds will benefit program activities for the San Ysidro Senior Center.

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:**

Area Manager Kathy Costello of Aquatics requested feedback from everyone regarding the Vista Terrace Pool’s Unfunded Park Improvement’s list. She wanted to get ideas and suggestions to add to the list that would improve the overall operations of the pool. Discussion included providing shade coverings, demolishing, and creating a new building and pool, installing new security fencing and expanding the facility.

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

- Teen Nits ended August 26. 8-week event was a success with an average attendance of 67 teen participants.
- Movies in the Park was held on July 22 along with Teen Nite event. There were 172 who attended the dual event.
- Free meals to youth up to 18 years old started August 29 and will continue until summer 2023, unless there is a drop in attendance. These dinner meals are served at from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- Futsal and softball ended on September 2. Staff coached pee wee, 10u and 12u futsal teams and a 12u Girls' softball team. The 12u team will advance and play in the citywide tournament on September 17. The pee wee team will also play in an exhibition game. Games will be held at Balboa Park Municipal Gym.
- Staff is now taking registration for flag football starting in October. Ages divisions will be pee wee, 10u, 12u and 14u division teams. Practices will take place at Larsen Field and games will be held at Silverwing and South Bay Recreation Centers.
- Circus Alegria will be staging performances at Larsen Field from September 29 to October 7. Ticket sales will benefit Cesar Chavez Community Center and the San Diego Parks Foundation. More information will be reported at next month's meeting.
- On September 22, staff will accompany 25 teens to the annual Haunted Trails at Balboa Park. The event is free and open to the first 25 teens ages 12 to 17 years old.

Recreation Center Director Belinda Fimbres reported the following for San Ysidro Teen Center:

- San Ysidro Teen Center will take 10 teens in a van to the Haunted Trails at Balboa Park.
- Staff will offer a wide variety of fall themed activities during the 2-week school break.
- Staff will host in October a Día de los Muertos event.

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

- Staff coached pee wee, 10u and 12u futsal teams which participated in leagues held at Silverwing and South Bay Recreation Centers. 12u team will compete in quarter finals on Wednesday. Winner will advance to play at Citywide tournament on September 17 at Balboa Park Municipal Gym. Pee wee team will also play in an exhibition game.
- Sandbags are available free of charge at the recreation center for storm preparedness. Sand is not included; however, staff will be working in obtaining this resource if demand is needed.
- Staff is taking 25 teens to the Haunted Trails at Balboa Park on September 22. Sign up is on a first come, first serve to the first 25 teens ages 12 to 17 years old.
- Staff is offering a flag football program to pee wee, 10u and 12u age divisions. Games will be held at Silverwing and South Bay Recreation Centers.
- San Ysidro Community Activity Center will host voting polls in November.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Martin Ortega adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday October 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.  
 San Ysidro Community Activity Center  
 179 Diza Road, San Ysidro, CA 92173  
 (619) 424-0472

Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

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 Recreation Center Director

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 Francisco Castruita  
 Area Manager

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 Rosa Ruesga  
 Vice Chairperson