

City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Department
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023

“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:

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Members Present:

Martin Ortega
Juan Lopez
Ricky Duran
Rosa Ruesga
Consuelo Delgadillo

City Staff:

Mari Jo Ricanor Recreation Center Director
Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director
Belinda Fimbres, Recreation Center Director
Francisco Castruita, Area Manager
Carlos Lacarra, San Diego Police
Lucero Maganda, Mayor’s Office Representative
Gerardo Ramirez, Council District 8 Representative

Members Absent:

David Guerrero
Felipe Muro

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Martin Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Introductions were made around the table for those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2023, MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved /seconded (F. Muro/R. Ruesga) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstentions.

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP:

None

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:

Representative Lucero Maganda reported the following:

- City Council is currently holding budget meetings. She will have a summary of the budget report at next month’s meeting.
- Council is meeting to propose an ‘unsafe camping ordinance’ that would prohibit tent encampments in all public spaces throughout the city if shelter beds are available. The proposal would also ban tent encampments at all times in certain sensitive areas — parks, canyons and near schools, transit stations and homeless shelters, regardless of shelter capacity.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:

Representative Gerardo Ramirez reported the following:

- Gerardo gave an update on the 299 E San Ysidro Blvd property, where the infrastructure has become unsafe and illegal activity, homeless encampments have been an issue to neighboring residents and businesses.
- An Art Gallery exhibition will take place on June 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Front Arte Cultura. It will feature art from students from San Ysidro.
- A clean up event will be held on June 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. along Willow Road. Contact the office for more information.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

Community Relations Officer Carlos Lacarra reported the following:

- The 299 E San Ysidro Blvd property mentioned in Gerardo's report is in the process of being demolished tomorrow. Officers are removing the illegal encampments and people off the property.
- The Department is still looking to recruit officers to fill the academy.
- There has been an increase in tagging and violence incidents in the San Ysidro area.
- Officer promotions will take place in July.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Robert Lara will email the most recent financial RCF Budget to Actuals report to everyone.

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:

None

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

Ricky Duran of Atlante F.C. reported that the new season will start in September. Currently, there are 46 teams registered.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

Consuelo Delgadillo of 'Helping Hands Working Together' reported the following:

- Group will be feeding volunteers that are part of the cleanup event taking place on June 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. along Willow Road.
- The opera event held on May 6 for Mother's Day was successful.
- The Casa Familiar 5k walk/run event held on May 2 was well attended and successful.
- Food Distribution sites around the San Ysidro community are ongoing at Mt. Carmel Church, San Ysidro Community Center and the Las America's parking lot.

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

- Thanked Jacqueline Hernandez, Assistant Center Director in her continued efforts promoting senior programming at the Senior Center.
- Requested a staff update regarding parking lot use of the senior building, poor lighting at night and the fast traffic that takes place in the lot at night as seniors are walking to their vehicles.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Francisco Castruita reported the following:

- Staff will be closing their current fiscal on Friday, June 30
- Thanked Felipe Muro for his call regarding a leak in the chlorine device at Vista Terrace Pool. He appreciates his vigilance in notifying staff right away of an infrastructure problem that occurred.
- Tagging has increased at parks and building in the San Ysidro area.
- Playground repairs are currently in the process at Vista Pacifica Neighborhood Park. Structure platforms and stairs will be replaced due to rust, wear, and tear. Purchase Requisitions have been submitted for purchases.
- Coral Gate Neighborhood Park recently had a series of tree limbs fall down the last two weeks. Staff is working with maintenance staff and City Arborists to determine cause.

- Maintenance staff did a great job on a work project on the slopes at Vista Pacifica Neighborhood Park. Weed abatement was completed with great results.
- A new Grounds Maintenance Worker was hired in the area. He will be working Tuesday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

- Fern Street Circus took place at Larsen Field on May 6. Over 200 people were in attendance
- Due to financial sustainability, the free dinner meal program will be cancelled. The last date of meals will be on June 14.
- Staff will take 6 kids on a deep-sea fishing trip on June 14.
- 'Teen Nights' will take place from June 30 to August 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Summer Camp will run June 5 to July 14.
- Nature Camp will run June 20 to July 23. Due to the Juneteenth holiday, camp will only be for 4 days.
- Summer Lunch and Snack program will start on June 12 and end on July 21.
- On July 20, SD Loyal Soccer player Joe Corona will be present during snack time. He will meet with youth and participate with some during their futsal drills and practice. The meet up is free and open to youth ages 17 and younger participating in the summer lunch/snack program at Cesar Chavez Community Center.
- Citywide soccer tournament took place on June 10 at Cesar Solis Community Park. 2 Pee Wee teams participated in exhibition games. 10u team won the South Bay League but lost in district playoffs. 12u team won took first place in their division, and 14u team took second place in their division.
- San Ysidro Public Library is working with staff to bring in entertainment during the summer lunch program. Musicians, Magician and Wild Animal demonstration will come out on June 29 and July 6 to engage with youth during lunch time and provide a showcase while eating lunch. It is free and open to the public.
- Staff is currently taking registration for the upcoming Futsal and Softball program happening in July through August.
- The recreation center will be closed on June 19 in observance of City Holiday 'Juneteenth'.

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

- Teens visit the SD Humane Society monthly where they witness staff conducting daily operational duties to maintain the animals at the center.
- Teens will be participating in the Deep-Sea Fishing trip with other sites on June 14.
- Staff will be working with Cesar Chavez on recruitment of teens of their own to come up with teams to participate in the upcoming Futsal and Softball program.
- Staff will assist Cesar Chavez staff in the upcoming Teen Nights happening on June 30.
- Summer activities will be offered daily from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- San Ysidro Teen Center signage is officially installed and displayed on the outside of the building.
- Assistant Center Director Jacqueline Hernandez is still offering senior programming of Loteria and Karaoke weekly. Programs are well attended and appreciated by the seniors in the area.

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

- Staff coached four team during soccer season. Both 10u and 12u teams advanced from District tournament to Citywide tournament held on June 10 at Cesar Solis Community Park.
- Staff will take 12u and 16u teams to Balboa Park Activity Center to compete in the Citywide Volleyball tournament on June 21.
- Staff is currently taking registration for the upcoming Futsal and Softball season.
- Nature Camp will take place June 12 to June 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$60.00 per camper. Current registration is at 16. Registration closes when it reaches 20 in enrollment.
- Staff will offer free summer lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. and snack from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Youth ages up to 17 years old may participate, and all foods must be consumed onsite.
- On June 14, staff will take 6 youth on a deep-sea fishing trip with other sites in the area.
- Robert Reported updates on continuing renovation and repairs at Vista Terrace Pool. The pool bottom has been repainted, pool deck, building and pool structure repairs have been completed. Their brochure is available online and at the centers advertising Vista Terrace Pool's operating hours, programs activities and recreational swim.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

None

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Martin Ortega adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday July 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
San Ysidro Community Activity Center
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Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved by:

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Francisco Castruita
Area Manager

Martin Ortega
Chairperson