

SOUTHCREST COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP

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Minutes for March 14, 2023

Attendees: Felicia Moses, Vicki Kirkpatrick, Omar Luzuriaga, Marco Garcia, Esmeralda Garcia, Deb McKissack, Dwayne Hill, Diane Armenta, James Trowsdell, Cesar Lopez, Lizzie Rodriguez, Natalia Rosas

Excused:

Absent:

Staff: Gordon Bordson, Area Manager II

Introductions: All those present introduced themselves.

Call to Order: 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Tabled

Communication:

Action Items:

Staff Reports:

Gordon Bordson

1. Reported in his area we are now with 6 Grounds Maintenance Workers out of 8 positions.
2. Presented the Recreation Center Fund Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2024 to the group. Accepted by the Community Recreation Group.
3. Reported Southcrest Recreation Center will host the Spring Egg Hunt on Wednesday March 29, 2023, from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
4. Youth Basketball is coming to an end. The upcoming seasonal sport is youth soccer. Looking to have the following age groups Pee – Wees (5-7 year olds), 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under and 16 & under. Southcrest was 16 & under City Wide champions last year.

San Diego Police Report:

Omar Luzuriaga

1. Introduced himself. Happy to see a lot of new faces and thanking everyone for coming out.
2. Reported about the upcoming collaboration event as well as a resource fair with San Diego Parks and Recreation, San Diego Police Department, Big Animals S.D. and many more community groups on April 8, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Encouraged everyone to come out and support these types of activities so we may continue to have them.
3. Reported last week for S.D.P.D. surveillance ordinance, many meetings in regards Smart Street Lights and License Plate Readers. Areas will be throughout the Southeastern Division. S.D.P.D. is getting great feedback. Proposed cameras to be installed are more reactive than the concern of being used to spy on people. The only time they would be accessed is if an incident happened that warranted S.D.P.D. involvement. There is no need for you to be concerned about the automate license plate readers, you should be concerned only if you are no riding in a stolen vehicle, kidnapped a child or suspect of a crime. Was asked if currently there is a voice keeping capability, the answer was no. Technology could change in the future and if it did, S.D.P.D. would have to present these changes due to the surveillance ordinance. This still must be presented to the City Council.
4. Reported shootings are the main reason these Smart Street Cameras are being looked at in the Southeastern Division. There have been already 13 shootings this year, 3 of them being homicides. Last year in 2022. We have 76 shootings alone in the Southeastern Division. For 2023, we have had 26 firearm arrests. In 2022, we had 191 firearm arrests. Southeastern covers Shelltown, Southcrest, all the way to Mt. Hope, Paradise Hills, Lomita Village, Encanto and bordering Cities of La Mesa, Spring Valley

and Chula Vista and the 15th Freeway. Small area with high numbers with a lot of shootings and gun activities.

City Council Report:

Lizzie Rodriguez, City Council District 4 Representative:

1. Natalia Rosas and Elizabeth Rodriguez introduced themselves as City Council Representatives for Council Member Moreno.
2. Asked how many people received their flier announcing the Southcrest Community Recreation Group, a few people raised their hands. City Council District 4 sent out over 600 fliers about our meeting.
3. Announced job fair being held on March 22, 2023, at Balboa Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
4. On March 18, 2023, Groundworks is having a community breakfast at Cesar Chavez Elementary School. Council Member will be there meet everyone. Breakfast will be served 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. will be breakfast and 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. will be the meeting. March 25, 2023, Caltrans will close the freeway where Freeway 5 North and 94 East meet. Organizing a clean-up with Caltrans starting at Dorothy Petway Park and moving into Southcrest Trails. Caltrans allows people to walk, ride their bikes and skate on the freeway.
5. Reported Parks and Recreation are working on getting quotes to repair the exterior basketball. City Council District 8 will be advocating helping with the renovation of the court, putting into the budget asking for monies to repair the court. Also advocating with Senator Padilla’s office to seek more funds to help this area.
6. Reported how the recent rain has created many potholes damaging vehicles. She requested to send pictures to her to help collect data to make sure these potholes are fixed.
7. Emphasized the importance of everyone in the community being part of this community recreation group to show that we care, and we want funding. We want our community to be heard. We want changes to improve our parks.

Cesar Lopez, Southeastern Little League President

1. Apologized on the misunderstanding on the operations between San Diego Parks and Recreation Department and Southeastern Little League. All worked out now.
2. Weather has delayed Opening Day conducted a special Event on March 4, 2023, but had jumpers, raffles and food.
3. Introduced himself as the current President.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gordon Bordson, Area Manager II

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