

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CARMEL VALLEY COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Held

Carmel Valley Recreation Center
3777 Townsgate Dr.
San Diego, CA, 92130

Attendance:

Chairperson	Marilee Pacelli
At-Large	Luca Pacelli
DMLL	Andy Kirkpatrick
CV Lacrosse	Steve Sepeta
Sharks	Kelly McDonald
Master Sports	Tedd Ekeroth
Mustangs Rugby	Jason Scott
FNA	Connor Stuart
FNL	Ed Harr
BDM	Tommy Maurer
NSGS	Greg Ratchuk
At-Large	Victor Marshall

Absent:

At-Large	Pat Collins (Excused)
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City Staff:

District Manager	Jerry Abbott
Area Manager	Debbie Marcotte
Center Director III	Michael Mangarelli
Pool Manager I	Antwan Lopez
Community Rep.	Joaquin Quintero
Project Officer II	Kathleen Brand

Guests:

Rick Gully	Community Member	Ryan Tyler	Community Member
Brett Carter	Community Member	Kelle Montague	Community Member
Rick Maloney	Community Member	Isabella Suarez	Community Member
Norm Mauz	Community Member	Daniel Nunez	Community Member
Yamilis Zayas	Community Member	Miguel Nunez	Community Member
Nick Anastasopoulos	Community Member	Paul Dykstra	Community Member
Steve Leffler	RP CRG Member	Emerson Rota	Community Member
Ginny Barnes	Community Member	Sergio Rico	Community Member
Charlie Mazzarelli	Community Member	Howard Short	Community Member

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS: Marilee Pacelli called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion: it was moved/seconded (L. Pacelli/G. Ratchuk) to approve the January 9, 2024, minutes. (Noted that the lights on the sidewalk behind the amphitheater have been out for over a year, if not more, as mentioned in the previous Chairperson’s report and the new Bylaws have not been approved by The City of San Diego since they reorganized Recreation Councils. The FY25 Budget were not reflected in the minutes).

Motion passed: 7-0-0

III. NON- AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

IV. STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager: Debbie Marcotte

1. DLF, construction company for the CIP, is working on upgrading the drainage pipes at Carmel Valley Community Park to prevent the stairs and drains from flooding during storms.
2. DLF, construction company for the CIP, are starting their work on Monday, March 18, 2024, at Ocean Air Community Park. They are installing two new picnic shelters as well as another comfort station and some ADA upgrades.
3. Denise Lamb is the new Center Director III at Ocean Air Recreation Center.
4. We have a pending PO to have the gymnasium floor at Carmel Valley Recreation Center replaced.
5. The Joint-Use field at Sage Canyon will be closed from May throughout the Summer for renovation.

Recreation Center Director III: Michael Mangarelli

1. The Citywide Maintenance crew has been at Carmel Valley Community Park replacing the wooden pergola near the playground and surround the rec center and pool.
2. Summer registration is open. Carmel Valley Recreation is hosting around forty-four contracted camps this Summer.
3. Spring registration opens on Saturday, February 10, 2024.
4. Our annual Spring Egg Hunt is slated for March 30, 2024. This event will be held at Carmel Creek Neighborhood Park due to the construction at Carmel Valley Community Park.

Recreation Center Director III: Denise Lamb

1. Denise introduced herself to the Community Recreation Group. Denise transferred from Hourglass Recreation Center, where she was the Center Director there for twelve years, to Ocean Air Recreation Center.

Council Representative (CDI): Joaquin Quintero

1. Joaquin addressed the lighting issue in the Carmel Valley area. Joaquin mentioned to use the “Get it Done” to report any lighting issues. The City of San Diego currently doesn’t have the resources to get the lights fixed at this moment.

Program Manager: Michelle Abella-Shon

1. Michelle stated that all public meetings are noticed for Brown Act.

V. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT: Marilee Pacelli (NO REPORT)

1. Marilee attended a Zoom meeting with councilmember Joe LaCava. She brought up the fact that the Recreation Centers are short staffed.
2. Marilee assigned Luca Pacelli for the officer nomination committee.

VI. CRG BOARD MEMBERS REPORT:

At Large Member – Luca Pacelli

1. Luca reiterated that the CRG members are here to vote to change the current GDP, which has already been approved to hold two soccer arenas. All that this proposal is doing is changing the definition from soccer arena to pickleball/padel facility.
2. Luca mentioned that the lights still have not been fixed at near the amphitheater at Carmel Valley Community Park.

Master Sports – Tedd Ekeroth

1. Tedd has concerns with the parking issues that this facility is going to bring to the park. Parking is already issue and to add another full facility to this park with just worsen the situation.

At Large Member – Greg Ratchuk

1. Greg pointed out that the lower multipurpose field at Carmel Valley Community Park is not just sitting there dormant. It is being used by multi sports organizations.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Officer nominating committee: To move forward as an action at the next meeting April 2, 2024.

VIII WORKSHOP ITEMS:

1. Carmel Valley Community Park GDP Amendment.

Presenters Frederik Anderson discussed the current amendment of the GDP for lower field at Carmel Valley Community Park. The current GDP is for two multisport arenas which was approved over 11 years ago. The arenas have not been built and the space is currently utilized by various youth sports, parties, and special events. They proposed two different concepts to change the GDP amendment to a allow for pickleball/padel facility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Paul Dykstra showed support for the installation of padel courts at Carmel Valley Community Park.
2. Norm Mauz, background of directing tennis facilities, showed support for concept number two that was proposed. He thinks that it would attract more people to the facility.
3. Ginny Barnes mentioned that the green space on the westside of the Carmel Valley Community Park is the only passive use area where the public can throw a frisbee, have a family picnic, etc. This facility would affect the publics ability to use the part of the park that was originally designed as a passive space. Ginny also has a major concern of the impact of parking that this facility would have of the park. This park was not designed to have another facility built on the lower multipurpose field. Lastly, Ginny has a petition with over 300 signatures requesting the Carmel Valley FBA funds be used to add one or more courts to the parks in the Carmel Valley community.

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Request funds for Carmel Valley Recreation Center and Carmel Valley Pool signs to be purchased and installed at Carmel Valley Community Park in the amount of \$3,705.00.**

Motion: It was moved/seconded (L. Pacelli/ T. Maurer) to approve the funding in the amount of \$3,705.00 to purchase and install signs for Carmel Valley Recreation Center and Carmel Valley Pool.

Motion passed: 8-0-0 (T. Ekeroth/ J. Scott)

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Community Parks I Area Committee: None
- B. MAD Parks: None
- C. Sports Report: None
- D. Special Events: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 p.m. by Marilee Pacelli

**Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Mangarelli, Recreation Center Director III**

**Approved by,
Marilee Pacelli, Chair**

The next special meeting of the Carmel Valley Recreation Center Community Recreation Group is scheduled for March 12, 2024, at 7:00p.m., at the Carmel Valley Recreation Center located at 3777 Townsgate Drive, San Diego, CA 92130.

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