

City of San Diego  
Parks and Recreation Department  
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group  
Meeting Minutes  
**Monday, April 8, 2024**

**“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:**

Martin Ortega  
Consuelo Delgadillo  
Rosa Ruesga  
Juan Lopez  
Felipe Muro

**City Staff:**

Francisco Castruita, Area Manager  
Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director  
Mari Jo Ricanor Recreation Center Director  
Enrique Duran, District Manager  
Giancarlo Lopez-Duran, Representative, Council District 8  
Brice Ciabatti, Parks and Recreation  
Charlie Daniels, Parks and Recreation

**Members Absent:**

David Guerrero  
Felipe Muro  
Ricky Duran

**Guests Present:**

Alfonso Reynoso  
Franco Reynoso  
Josie Benitez  
Margarita Galindo  
Alfonso Galindo

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 12, 2024, MINUTES:**

- **MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (F. Muro/R. Ruesga) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstention.

**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)  
Rosa requested from San Diego Police representative an update on a stabbing that occurred at Montgomery Waller. Staff will inform Carlos Lacarra, Community Relations Officer to report an update next month.

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO MAYOR'S REPORT:**

None

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:**

- On January 22, 2024, San Diego County received 20 million dollars in FEMA grant money to assist with families who were affected by the floods.

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

None

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Martin commented that more San Ysidro residents need to get involved in their community to see change. More residents need to join the San Ysidro Community Recreation Group to see improvement in the community.

**BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT:**

Robert Lara reported the most recent financial RCF Budget to Actuals report to everyone for SYCAC. Mari Jo Ricanor will report RCF Budget to Actuals at next month's meeting.

**BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:**

None

**SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:**

Felipe Muro reported that Comsports are currently working on putting together a soccer tournament in San Ysidro He will work with staff on the details and give a report next month.

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:**

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

- Hearts and Hand's organization has seen an increase in food distribution numbers at the Community Service Center, Mount Carmel Church, Las Americas Outlets, and the Community Center on San Ysidro Boulevard.

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

- Senior activities like Loteria and Karaoke are doing good and are well attended.
- Senior group holds birthday potlucks every month to celebrate those who have birthdays for that month.
- Group is heavily involved in participating in the Senior talent show. There are a lot of entries to the program.

**PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:**

District Manager Enrique Duran reported the following:

- Introduced himself to everyone. He reported that he oversees the personnel that operate and manage recreation centers and parks serving the Memorial, Stockton, South Bay, and San Ysidro communities.

- Recognized Jacqueline Hernandez in her efforts to provide well rounded programs and activities to the Seniors at the San Ysidro Senior Center. Events such as the talent show, and field trips draw an increase to attendance and interest in senior activities.
- Beyer Park Project is going through phase 1.
- Riviera del Sol Neighborhood Park is opening in June.

Area Manager Francisco Castruita reported the following:

- Security Park lights are now operable at San Ysidro Community Park. A timer clock was installed to assist in the lighting schedule. LED light projects are still ongoing for the basketball, tennis, and security park lights at SYCP.
- Grounds Maintenance staff are aggressively working on weed abatement around the San Ysidro parks due to the constant rain we had for months.
- Beyer Community Park update meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 24. Start date will be discussed.
- Commended Jacqueline Hernandez on her out of class assignment as the Center Director for the San Ysidro Teen Center. Arleen Chavez, Center Director for San Ysidro Community Activity Center will continue the out of class assignment once Jacqueline completes her time.
- Recognized Robert and Mari Jo for their efforts in increasing attendance in all programming and sports leagues.

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

- Youth Basketball season ended with our Pee Wee teams participating at the Citywide Tournament held March 7 to March 9. Winners will receive banners to hang at their recreation center and medals and trophies are handed out to participants.
- Staff is actively taking registration and holding practices for the upcoming volleyball and soccer season.
- During spring break, staff ran a two-week camp from March 18 to March 29.
- The Spring Egg Hunt was held on March 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Although it rained heavily outside, staff was resilient and held the egg hunt indoors and handed out prize baskets and candy. The event also had a photo booth, face painting, DJ, crazy shirt crafts, and fruit cup vendor. Considering the rain, it was a well-attended event with 150 participants.
- Staff is serving free dinner meals to youth ages 1 to 18 years old, Monday through Friday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by Heaven's Window, a recognized Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).
- Staff is running a coed softball league on Thursday evenings. Playoff and Championship games will be held in the next couple weeks.
- Staff continues to have a service vendor assist in the eradication of gophers in the athletic fields.

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

- Staff hosted the Presidential Primary Polls in the game room from Saturday February 24 to Tuesday March 5.
- Staff hosted their Annual Spring Egg Hunt on Thursday March 14 at La Mirada Elementary Joint Use. The weather was gloomy and cold, but we had a good turnout. We used funds from our RCF to cover costs for the face painter, DJ, arts and crafts, and Chicken Shack.
- The SYCAC 12u team advanced to the City-Wide basketball tournament but lost in the first round to San Carlos Recreation Center 42-33.
- Our soccer registration is closed for the pee wee and 10u divisions. We currently have 27 pee wee and 25- 10u participants enrolled. Friday is the last day to register for 12u and 14u soccer as well as 12u, 14u and 16u volleyball.

- Staff will be hosting a 5-team 10u soccer league on Wednesdays beginning April 17 and a 12-team pee wee league on Thursdays beginning April 18 at La Mirada. We will also be hosting a 14u volleyball league beginning April 17 here at SYCAC on Wednesday nights.
- Staff began serving meals through Heavens Windows on March 1. Meals are served from 4:30- 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On average, staff serve between 30- 35 meals per day. Meals contain all 5 components including a protein, vegetable/fruit, whole grain, and non-fat milk.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

**Howard Lane Neighborhood Park Improvements**

Brice Ciabatti and Charles Daniels gave a power point presentation on Howard Lane Neighborhood Park. They answered questions on park improvements and took information from those who attended the meeting on suggestions and comments. They will input the information gathered and will contact staff to hold another meeting at a future date to discuss information that was shared from tonight’s meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Martin Ortega adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday June 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.  
 San Ysidro Community Activity Center  
 179 Diza Road, San Ysidro, CA 92173  
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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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 Martin Ortega  
 Chairperson