

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ADAMS COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP
MINUTES/PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Baross – Chairperson
Cameron Fagundes– Absent
Dennis Reiter- NHUA
Kim Emerson – Corresponding Secretary
Nancy Lawler – NHCPG
Mark Lawler – Member
Chandler Galt – Mid City Little League

STAFF

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II
Ashante Johnson, OCA Center Director I
Jenny Hall, Community Relations Officer – Absent
Erni Barros – San Diego Library – Absent
Benjamin Mendoza – Council District 9
Representative – Absent

MEMBERS ABSENT

Connie Terwilliger- Ward Canyon Waggers
Ellen Stone – Member

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jim Baross.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved/seconded (M. Lawler/N. Lawler) to approve November 28, 2022, Minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

COMMUNICATIONS (*limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to five (5) minutes and is not debatable*).

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT –

ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

San Diego Police/Community Relations Officer – Officer Jenny Hall requested information regarding the date of an upcoming event, the unveiling of a mosaic. It transitions into a discussion about preparations for the event, with a commitment to ensuring everything is in order beforehand.

The conversation delves into the challenges of addressing issues in the park, particularly regarding individuals like Anna, who persist despite enforcement efforts. There's an acknowledgment of the complexity of the situation and the limitations in addressing it. Various strategies are discussed, including progressive enforcement and potential solutions involving city attorneys. The dialogue emphasizes the difficulty in resolving the situation and expresses gratitude for assistance from the Rangers. Further strategies and concerns are raised, including discussions with other individuals like Michelle and Gordon about potential solutions. The conversation touches on fire safety concerns related to a front door being a potential blockage and the importance of citizen reporting to address issues promptly. The exchange highlights ongoing efforts to address various challenges within the community and the importance of collaboration and communication among stakeholders.

The discussion shifts towards facility improvements, including the reopening of the front door, installation of plexiglass, and rearrangement of office spaces. There's a detailed

explanation of ongoing facility upgrades, and the process involved. The conversation then transitions to budget planning for the upcoming fiscal year, with a focus on allocating funds for various events and programs. Detailed explanations are provided regarding projected income, expenditures, and planned events. Questions are raised about specific events and funding allocations, with clarifications provided by Michele regarding funding sources and event planning logistics.

City Council District 9 Representative. No Report

San Diego Library- No Report

Mid-City Little League – Chandler provides updates on the Mid-City Little League's activities and confirms their plans to continue operations.

VOLO – No Report

Normal Heights Community Association – No Report

Normal Heights Community Planning Group – No Report

Ward Canyon Waggers- No Report

Normal Heights Urban Arts – Kim discussed preparations for the mosaic unveiling event, with a commitment to ensuring everything is in order beforehand. Kim describes an issue with water supply access by Anna, the unsheltered person living in Adams Park. Kim also asked Officer Jenny Hall about the involvement from the P&R Rangers. Officer Hall mentioned an increase in police and ranger patrolling in the parks and ongoing challenges regarding certain individuals.

Adams Elementary- No Report

Normal Heights Elementary- No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS

AJ Johnson, OCA Center Director

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager

1. Introduction to the Budget Report: Michele mentions that she emailed everyone a copy of the budget report for review, which covers the incoming and outgoing funds for the new fiscal year. She notes that not much has changed from the previous year, and they plan to keep their programming classes consistent.

2. Special Events: Michele highlights four special events they plan to keep: a fall event (possibly a turkey basket or opportunity drawing), Spring Fling, a winter event around December, and a movie in the park for Ward Canyon. The total budget allocated for these events is \$5,350.

3. Programming: Michele briefly mentions various classes they plan to continue, such as after-school programs, kids to canyon with park rangers, day camps, youth ceramics, adult ceramics, and sports leagues. They also plan to introduce new classes like cooking and a LEGO club.

4. Financial Projection: Michele mentions the projected income and expenditures for the fiscal year. They estimate bringing in \$16,950 in revenue from permits, registrations, and fees, while budgeting for expenditures totaling \$13,475. This leaves an estimated surplus of \$3,475.

5. Approval Process: Michele indicates that they're seeking feedback or revisions on the budget report before submitting it. She asks if there are any questions or revisions, and if not, they'll proceed with submitting the paperwork.

Overall, Michele provides a detailed overview of the budget report, highlighting key areas such as special events, programming, financial projections, and the approval process. Let me know if you need further clarification on any specific part!

The meeting proceeds with the approval of the proposed budget, with a motion made and seconded for its acceptance. Clarifications are made regarding the scope of the current discussion, which pertains specifically to the budget approval. The focus shifts briefly to facility maintenance updates, particularly regarding water leaks in the building. Michelle provides details on the leaks and the measures taken to address them, including work requests submitted for further investigation. Concerns are raised about water usage by Anna, with suspicions that she may be tapping into the building's water supply. Michelle acknowledges the issue and mentions steps taken to address it through work requests.

**** Community Engagement and Meeting Scheduling****

The meeting transitions to community engagement efforts and clarifications about meeting schedules. A new member introduces themselves and expresses enthusiasm for involvement in parks and recreation activities. Sarah from the council office provides updates on upcoming events, including the State of the District event and efforts to address flooding in the area. She encourages residents to report any flood-related damages and provides information on shelters and assistance programs available. Additionally, she invites participation in the Regional Task Force on Homelessness Point in Time Count. The discussion touches on logistics for future meetings and communication channels, including the establishment of a Google group for easier email communication among members.

**** Recognition and Updates from Members****

Members share updates and announcements, including an award received for the mural and preparations for upcoming events. Dennis and another member mention their attendance at the State of the District event and receiving an award for the mural project. Updates are provided on the Mid-City Little League and its plans for the upcoming season, including a gala opening event. Concerns are raised about the league's involvement in the neighborhood and efforts to address them through communication with league representatives.

ACTION ITEMS Consent (Items are adopted without discussion) – None.

ACTION ITEMS Adoption (Each item requires individual action) – None.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – None

INFORMATION ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting wraps up with final remarks and plans for future activities The discussion ends with a note on upcoming events and the importance of community engagement in park and recreation initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – The next Adams Community Recreation Group meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Submitted by, Ashante Johnson OCA Center Director I

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