

City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Department
San Ysidro Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 14, 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:

Rosa Ruesga
Felipe Muro
Juan Lopez

City Staff:

Francisco Castruita, Area Manager
Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director
Mari Jo Ricanor, Recreation Center Director
Jorge Clayton, Swimming Pool Manager
Giancarlo Lopez, Council District 8 Representative

Members Absent:

David Guerrero
Ricky Duran
Martin Ortega
Consuelo Delgadillo

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairperson Rosa Ruesga called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Introductions were made around the table for those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12 , 2024, MINUTES:

- **MOTION:** It was moved /seconded (F. Muro/J. Lopez) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with 2 ayes, 0 nays and 1 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)

None

CITY OF SAN DIEGO MAYOR’S REPORT:

None

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT:

- San Ysidro Town Hall Meeting will take place at the San Ysidro Civic Center, 212 W. Park Ave. San Diego, CA. 92173. This is an opportunity to ask questions or share concerns to Council woman Vivian Moreno.
- Item S501: “A Resolution of the Council of the City of San Diego Requesting a National Emergency from the Federal Government and for the Federal Government to Fully Fund the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Comprehensive Infrastructure Solution for the Tijuana River”.
- San Ysidro Public Library celebrated 100th year Anniversary on October 12.
- ‘Soccer Fest’ event will take place on October 27 at Cesar Solis Park.
- Willow Bridge has been repaired. Security lights are in working order and San Diego Police are continuing to monitor its use for public safety. Caltrans is working on installing additional lighting for aesthetic upgrade purposes.
- Repairs are in process for Junction Box 1 at the South Bay Water Reclamation Plant.
- Meeting with Council woman Vivian Moreno and Chief Wahl to increase presence at the POE for ‘Wildcatting’.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT:

None

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

None

BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT:

Robert Lara and Mari Jo Ricanor reported the most recent financial RCF Budget to Actuals report to everyone for San Ysidro and Cesar Chavez Recreation Centers.

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:

None

SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

Felipe Muro reported that Comsports ‘Villa Bowl’ is scheduled to take place in February 2025. He is hoping the event can take place at Larsen Field if field conditions are safe. The alternative location will be held at Cesar Solis Community Park.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

Juan Lopez of A.I.C.I. informed everyone that he has not been able to attend any Senior activities or events due to illness. He is aware that 40-45 seniors have been attending daily to participate in activities offered at the Senior Center.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Francisco Castruita reported the following:

- Coral Gate Neighborhood Park project is currently underway with no delay. Scheduled completion is early 2025.
- Beyer Park project is also progressing forward with no delays. Once completed, the views from the park will be something to see.
- San Ysidro Community Activity Center site improvement project has been delayed. A meeting is scheduled for next week to discuss the site delay.
- The lighting project at Vista Pacifica has completed. The new LED lights will illuminate the park well for those who walk the park at night. The lights are very bright which is a big improvement from before.

- Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park project is still pending. Staff is waiting for the City P.O. to get approved. The work will be for repair and rubberizing the playground surface of the structure.

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

- Staff is hosting Pee Wee and 14 and under flag football games at Larsen Field. Staff is currently coaching flag football for ages 5 to 16 years old. League play will take place at South Bay and Silverwing Recreation Center. Leagues will end in December.
- Staff is hosting 14 and volleyball games at Cesar Chavez. Staff is currently coaching for ages 10 to 17 years old. Other League play will take place at South Bay Recreation Center. Leagues will end in December.
- Halloween Carnival will take place on October 25 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. inside the gym.
- 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).
- Toys for Tots registration is currently underway and will close on November 8.
- Turkey Trot event will take place on November 26 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Larsen Field.
- Staff is working with City Public Works to repair and replace lights at the athletic fields 1, 2 and 3.

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

- Staff is currently coaching 40 youth in volleyball. Teams are 2- 12 and under, 1- 14 and under, and 1- 17 and under division teams.
- Staff is currently coaching 31 youth in flag football. Teams are 1- pee wee, 1- 10 and under, and 1- 14 and under division teams.
- Staff is currently coaching 23 cheerleaders that will be cheering during the volleyball and flag football games on selected dates.
- City of San Diego facilities will be closed on Monday November 11 in observance of Veteran’s Day.
- The Presidential General Polls will be held at the San Ysidro Senior Center from Saturday, October 26 – Tuesday, November 5.
- Winter 2024 classes will open for registrations this Saturday November 18.

Assistant Swimming Pool Manager Jorge Clayton reported the following for Vista Terrace Pool:

- Vista Terrace is changing pool operating hours for the public and lap swim from Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Monday and Friday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. These changes are effective November 11. The pool was closed on October 23 for emergency maintenance. It will reopen on December 2 with new hours.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Mari Jo announced to everyone that her staff Francisco ‘Pele’ Hernandez retired on August 30 at Cesar Chavez after 40 years of City service with the Parks and Recreation Department. During his time with the City and only at Cesar Chavez, he held the position of Assistant Recreation Center Director and Recreation Leader I.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. San Ysidro CRG November 2024 meeting date.

MOTION: It was moved /seconded (F. Muro/J. Lopez) to hold next month’s meeting on November 18. The motion carried with 2 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

1. FY26 RCF Budgets (Cesar Chavez CC and San Ysidro CAC)
2. FY26 Opportunity Fund Budget Proposal (Cesar Chavez CC and San Ysidro CAC)
Robert and Mari Jo presented both draft proposals to everyone and answered any questions regarding the budget. They will present a final proposal with changes next month for approval as an action item.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Rosa Ruesga adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday November 18, 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:

Mari Jo Ricanor
Recreation Center Director

Francisco Castruita
Area Manager

Martin Ortega
Chairperson