

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ADAMS RECREATION COMMUNITY GROUP
MINUTES/PUBLIC MEETING**

In Person

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kim Emerson - Corresponding Secretary
Dennis Reiter- NHUA
Chandler Galt Mid-City Little League
Erni Barros - San Diego Library

STAFF

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II
Miranda Church, Center Director I
Jenny Hall, Community Relations Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ducote Contreras - VOLO
Connie Terwilliger- Ward Canyon Waggers
Nancy Lawler - NHCPG
Mark Lawler - member

GUESTS:

Jim Baross - NHCPG
Emily Rose-Weber, Adams Elementary
Ellen Stone

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Secretary Kim Emerson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Not Approved, needed corrections.

COMMUNICATIONS (*limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to five (5) minutes and is not debatable*). None.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Kim Emerson is acting as Chairperson and for the record is not interested in the position. She continues to advocate for inviting more Normal Heights community members to attend and get more involved with the CRG, and especially to help with the future completion of Ward Canyon Park.

ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **San Diego Police/Community Relations Officer** – Jenny Hall was present and spoke about the motion going to city council on encampments becoming illegal on and close to elementary schools and recreation centers. Locations such as 20th and B and Rosecrans are possible tented locations for homeless in the upcoming future but are awaiting voting and approval. Officer Hall also gave updates on reporting a few calls one being an arson at the church in the trashcan on site and reported that it remains under investigation and the other call where there was a possible jump on May 10th on the bridge located on Adams Ave over the 805 freeway. They were able to get the suspect down and was arrested for being under the influence and attacking an officer.
2. **City Council District 9 Representative** – Not Present.
3. **San Diego Library**- Erni Barros reported that the library will have a show at 11am starting the 21st and will have an election of officers that day as well. Erni also reports that Mondays are questions and answers at the library where they explain the services that they offer. There will also be “The Den” at the library from 11:30-12:30.

4. **Mid-City Little League** Chandler Gault reported that Mid-City Little League has wrapped up their spring season and is now going into their league of champions and all stars. He reported that they will continue practice during the week, however not every day. Their closing ceremony is in June, they will have a dunk tank and other games for entertainment. Chandler also reported concern for the field getting brown and asked about updates on lights being installed on the ball field. He also reported that fall ball starts in September.
5. **VOLO** – Not Present.
6. **Normal Heights Community Association**- Not Present.
7. **Normal Heights Community Planning Group** – Jim Baross reported that the NHCPG talked about unhoused issues and has submitted a grant with the City for a community garden. He reported NHCPG must have a minimum of 12 members. Typically, a member is allowed to serve 4-8 years, however due to the limited members he has been able to extend his membership due to being the 12th member. The NHCPG is hoping to get more members on the committee. Mr. Baross had a question on the amount that was allotted on the park's development engineer fact sheet. To his understanding in the past, they had requested 5 million, however on the fact sheet it claims 1 million and would like some clarification.
8. **Ward Canyon Waggers**- Not present.
9. **Normal Heights Urban Arts** – Dennis Reiter reported the mural project has 11 cement backerboard panels that were water-jet-cut. The panels are in the shapes of butterfly wings to make-up the entire mosaic mural project. They are still in fund-raising mode and posted flyers along Adams Avenue. They plan to have the mural installed by the end of this year. Also reported was how Michelle Chicarelli has been an important part of getting the mural installed and hopes that it will encourage more people to come to the Adams Recreation Community Group.
10. **Adams Elementary**- Emily Rose- Weber reported that the grass on the joint use field between Adams elementary and Adams recreation center has been a concern. She has requested information for summer programming at the recreation center and has offered to post and spread the word at the school. She has also reported that the sports programming at the recreation center seems to be going well and how she has seen more kids and families participating in programming than in the past. Emily reported that the grassy knoll needs a little fixing such as some art on the fencing etc. to make it more inviting and colorful if anyone has any suggestions or ideas.
11. **Normal Heights Elementary**- Not Present.

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS

1. **Miranda Church, Center Director** – Miranda reported youth soccer season is finished youth summer programs are starting next month. The current programs are youth and adult ceramics, after school programs and Movies in the Park on July 16th at Ward Canyon Park. There will be summer day camp starting June 26th through August 18th. Camp is \$50 per camper per week, lunch is included, and the community can register on sdreconnect.com
2. **Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager** – Michele reported the city is working on Phase 1 of Ward Canyon Park. Engineers will be visiting the park to inspect the vacant building for demolition. Once the building is demolished, drought tolerant plants will be planted. The corner of Adams Avenue and 39th street will have iron fencing to match

the existing fencing to enter the park. Adams Joint Use irrigation is under repair. The city has a new holiday, Juneteenth. The recreation centers will be closed June 19th.

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

ACTION ITEMS Adoption (Each item requires individual action)

1. Officers nomination: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary. No action taken, tabled for June's meeting.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. Ward Canyon GDP- There was a recap and general group discussion about last month's presentation that is as follows (repeat): At the CRG meeting on March 28, 2023, Lydia Marshall, Assistant Civil Engineer, presented information about the General Development Plan (GDP) for Ward Canyon Park. She gave updates about timelines for the current phase of the GDP that includes the demolition of the abandoned building at Ward Canyon Park 12 months, the acquisition by the city of the Caltrans land adjacent to the I-15, and that there will be the need of community input for 30% of the new recreation building, and all to happen within 1 1/2 years. There was discussion about the future community garden and dog park. Lydia will make corrections to the CRG's fact sheet about the GDP.

INFORMATION ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT - Kim Emerson adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Adams Community Recreation Group meeting will be on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, in person.

Submitted by *Miranda Church*

Miranda Church, Recreation Center Director I

Approved by *Michele Chicarelli*

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II

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