

SANTEE PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

September 7, 2023

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:30 p.m. by Dean Velasco – roll call held
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ACTION:** On motion of Dan Bickford and seconded by Kathleen Pishny, the committee voted to approve the agenda and was carried by the following roll call vote: Dan Bickford: Aye, Cyndy Carlton: Aye, Ken Fox: Aye; Ryan McCarthy: Aye; Lynda Marrokal: aye; Kathleen Pishny: Aye, Stephanie Price: Aye; Dr. Alan Tuthill: Aye; Dean Velasco: Aye; Aye–9
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 3, 2023 - ACTION:** On motion of Dan Bickford and seconded by Stephanie Price, the committee voted to approve the minutes with the above correction noted, carried by the following roll call vote: Dan Bickford: Aye, Cyndy Carlton: Aye, Ken Fox: Aye; Ryan McCarthy: Aye; Lynda Marrokal: aye; Kathleen Pishny: Aye, Stephanie Price: Aye; Dr. Alan Tuthill: Aye; Dean Velasco: Aye; Aye–9

4. **SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK FOUNDATION – Presenter: Sarah Hutmacher, Chief Operating Officer**
Sarah educated the committee about the valuable efforts of this 501:3C non-profit organization. The SDRP conducts regular river clean ups along the entire San Diego River. SDRP provides Education Programs, Community Clean-Ups, Data Collection and Surveys and Water Quality Monitoring. In FY 2022, SDRP picked up 21 tons of trash with 227 volunteers and 676 hours of service out of the river. Discussion was held.

5. **STAFF REPORT/PARK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE/INFORMATION -**
Director of Community Services, Nicolas Chavez presented a presentation of the remodeled kiosks in several parks. Nick announced a Community Clean Up on September 16 from 8am-12pm at City Hall. Nick advised that the synthetic fields at Town Center Community park need to be renovated and staff is working on submitting applications for grants. He stated that the City of Santee is looking into an Age-Friendly Plan. Nick explained that the Reserve Policy is being reviewed and will be researched and presented at a further date.
Recreation Services Manager, Anne Morrison presented a video on the Summer Concert recap. Special Events Supervisor, Becky Lowndes updated the committee on Brews and Bites ticket sales, vendor updates and volunteer requests. Discussion was held. Becky also added that there will be a Movie in the Park on September 30, Spooky Snapshots on October 31, Blood Drive on October 30, and Santee Holiday Lighting on November 17 as well as a new Selfies with Santa on November 18.
Anne Morrison continued with updates on summer camp and the Fall Recreation brochure is available, Teen Center, Senior programming – mobilehome park outreach, parks/fields and pickleball banner program. Anne added that staff is working with the Santee Community Foundation to reactivate the committee with a tentative meeting in November. Discussion was held.
Sam Rensberry thanked the San Diego River Park foundation for all of their hard work. Tony Hurst recently retired and will be very missed. 400 sandbags were handed out for the recent tropical storm. Discussion was held.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS/GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Dan Bickford shared that the international clubs of Kiwanis, Santee-Lakeside Rotary, Lions, and Optimists are encouraging local clubs to come together and “Celebrate Community” on September 16 at 8:00am at Woodglen Vista, the groups will plant some milkweed for a butterfly garden. Dan shared that he was recently interviewed by 10News, as they are spotlighting the City of Santee. Dan added that the Kiwanis Club will have a Miracle Mile event on October 28. Key Club is making art out of quarters. Proceeds go to Rady’s Children hospital.
Ryan McCarthy inquired if the SPARC account is building interest on the balance. Discussion was held. Ryan inquired about the landscaping area at the corner of Mast Blvd and West Hills Parkway. Discussion was held.

- 7. **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** – Peter Diehl made public comment.
- 8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – Dean suggested a discussion regarding ways SPARC can support the SDRP Foundation on the next agenda.

Senior and Teen Center Update, funding recommendation request

Next Meeting: October 5, 2023

- 9. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

ATTENDEES

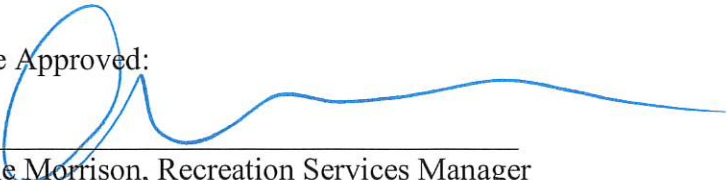
Committee Members:

Dan Bickford	Kathleen Pishny
Cyndy Carlton	Stephanie Price
Ken Fox	Dr. Alan Tuthill
Ryan McCarthy	Dean Velasco
Lynda Marrokal	

Staff:

Nicolas Chavez, Community Services Director
 Anne Morrison, Recreation Manager
 Sam Rensberry, Public Services Manager
 Becky Lowndes, Special Event Supervisor
 Margie Dice, Administrative Secretary

Date Approved:



 Anne Morrison, Recreation Services Manager