

SAN DIEGO PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
CARMEL VALLEY RECREATION COUNCIL  
**JULY 7, 2015**  
**MINUTES**

**Meeting Held At:**

Carmel Valley Community Park  
3777 Townsgate Drive  
San Diego, CA 92130

**Attendance:**

Chairperson	Marilee Pacelli
Vice Chair	Sharon Fornaciari
Treasurer	Greg Ratchuk
Secretary	Ken Farinsky
At-Large	Pat Collins
At-Large	Beth Hooshidar
At Large	Luca Pacelli
DMCV Sharks	Roy Ashcroft
DMLL	Jeff Bernstein
SDYR	Guy Hagen
BDMS	Tommy Maurer
CVLAX	Hal Sherman
TPPW	Ward Wilsey

**Guests:**

Emily Engel, Resident/Neurologist  
Geraldine Sandberg, Resident

**Absent:**

DMLL	Jeff Martini
CVLAX	Don McGuire

**Staff:**

Area Manager II	Sarah Erazo
Center Director III	Salome Martinez
Pool Manager II	Bradley Cannon

**A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:** Vice Chair, Sharon Fornaciari called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (Ratchuk/Hagen) to table the approval of the June 2, 2015 minutes until next meeting. **Motion passed:** Ashcroft, Farinsky, Fornaciari, Hagen, Maurer, McGuire, L. Pacelli, and Ratchuk. **Against:** None. **Abstain:** Bernstein, Collins, Hooshidar, Martini, and Wilsey.

**C. COMMUNICATIONS:** Center Director Salome Martinez stated Hal Sherman will be representing CVLAX in the absence of Don McGuire.

**D. PUBLIC FORUM:** Resident and Neurologist, Emily Engel voiced her concerns about the toxins from artificial turf, the toxins from the chemicals used to maintain it and the mold/diseases that can develop from it; these toxins can cause irreversible neurological damage. She opposes the replacement project of natural grass turf to artificial turf in the Carmel Valley area and asked the board to consider the health issues. Ms. Geraldine Sandberg, resident of Carmel Valley and nurse, also voiced her disapproval of the artificial turf project and stated her concerns about the neurological diseases that are caused by it; she really wants the council to think about these concerns when discussing the artificial turf projects.

**E. STAFF REPORTS:**

Pool Manager, Bradley Cannon informed the pool is up and running with six new lifeguards added to his staff. He stated their biggest growing program is the water polo team as it has tripled since last year and he has added two new coaches to accommodate growth. He mentioned registration is going smoothly on the ActiveNet online registration system.

Center Director, Salome Martinez communicated summer camps are going strong and she is now working on the fall 2015 brochure. She reported the Movie in the Park event on June 27, 2015 with featured movie Despicable Me 2 was a success with over 400 people in attendance. She mentioned staff promoted the Park Fit program at the movie event and there are over 50 people signed up for the program. She informed the featured movie for the August 15, 2015 movie in the park event had to be changed from Cinderella to Toy Story; release date for Cinderella was delayed.

Area Manager, Sarah Erazo reported the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department has cut water more than 16 percent since the reductions started; she is hoping to adjust irrigation times if possible. She informed she will be doing a partial mini renovation on Sage Canyon joint use field which will include leveling it out, dethatching it, and adding sand and topsoil. She thanked the Del Mar Little Leagues and Yoga instructor Janice Sherman for their Park Fit 5K Fun Run donations; she invited everyone out to the Park Fit 5k finale event on August 22, 2015 to enjoy all the fun festivities, booths, entertainment, and raffle.

**F. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** Marilee stated she sent out an email with an attachment of the Summer Serenades Concert series and asked all members to help distribute the flyer and get the word out.

**G. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Greg Ratchuk passed out the financial report and reported the ending balance as of July 7, 2015 as \$412,789.02.

**H. INFORMATION ITEMS:** None

**I. ACTION ITEMS:**

1) Finalize FBA Project List as Presented – Erazo

In continuation of last month's discussion, the council added items 6 through 11 to the prioritization list of the Proposed Park Project and Anticipated Costs list. The Council's final recommendations are as follows and listed by priority:

Approved items from June 2, 2015 meeting:

1. Carmel Valley Community Park – Turf Upgrades
2. Ocean Air Community Park – Turf Upgrades
3. Solana Highlands – Comfort Station Upgrades
4. Carmel Del Mar – Comfort Station Upgrades
5. Carmel Knolls – Comfort Station and Park Improvements

Items added to the list:

6. Sage Canyon Snack Shack
7. Ocean Air CP Comfort Station and Park Improvement
8. Torrey Highlands NP Upgrades
9. Carmel Creek NP Park Improvements
10. Carmel Grove NP Comfort Station and Park Improvements
11. Carmel Mission NP Comfort Station and New Trails and Trail Amenities

**MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Farinsky/Fornaciari) to advance recommendations 6 through 11 as listed above. Motion passed: Ashcroft, Bernstein, Collins, Farinsky, Fornaciari, Hagen, Hooshidar, Maurer, L. Pacelli, Ratchuk, Sherman, and Wilsey. Against: None. Abstain: None.**

**MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Farinsky/Ratchuk) to approve the finalized Proposed Park Project and Anticipated Costs list with priority levels 1 through 11 as listed above. Motion passed: Ashcroft, Bernstein, Collins, Farinsky, Fornaciari, Hagen, Maurer, L. Pacelli, Ratchuk, Sherman, and Wilsey. Against: Hooshidar. Abstain: None.**

2) Approve Updated Unfunded Needs List – Erazo  
**This item was tabled until the next meeting**

3) Approve Letter to Polo Field to Support Community Programming – L. Pacelli

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (Ratchuk/Hagen) to approve a strongly written letter based the on the discussions of tonight’s meeting to be written by Ken Farinsky and Marilee Pacelli on behalf of the recreation council to the City of the San Diego pertaining to the use of the Polo Fields for community programming. Motion passed: Ashcroft, Bernstein, Farinsky, Fornaciari, Hagen, Hooshidar, Maurer, L. Pacelli, Ratchuk, Sherman, and Wilsey. Against: None. Abstain: Collins.

4) Request for Funds: Water Polo Equipment \$270.00 - Martinez

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (Farinsky/Ratchuk) to approve up to \$270.00 to purchase water polo equipment for the Carmel Valley Pool. Motion passed: Ashcroft, Bernstein, Collins, Farinsky, Fornaciari, Hagen, Hooshidar, Maurer, L. Pacelli, Ratchuk, Sherman, and Wilsey. Against: None. Abstain: None.

**J. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 1) Community Parks I Area Meeting – No Report
- 2) MAD Parks – No Report
- 3) Sports Report – No Report
- 4) Special Events – No Report

**K. WORKSHOP:**

I. Unfunded Needs Projects/Funding Sources (Time Permitting) – M. Pacelli

**L. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair, Marilee Pacelli adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.  
Next Carmel Valley Recreation Council meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by,

Salome Martinez, Center Director III

Marilee Pacelli, Chair