

SANTEE PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

August 3, 2023

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:30 p.m. by Dan Bickford – roll call held
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ACTION:** On motion of Ken Fox and seconded by Dr. Alan Tuthill, the committee voted to approve the agenda and was carried by the following roll call vote: Anita Bautista: Aye, Dan Bickford: Aye, Cyndy Carlton: Aye, Michelle Dressler: Aye; Ken Fox: Aye; Kathleen Pishny: Aye, Dr. Alan Tuthill: Aye; Aye–7
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 1, 2023 - ACTION:** Cyndy Carlton requested revision of Item 6 error. Correct wording should be “will be held” not “will have held.” On motion of Ken Fox and seconded by Cyndy Carlton, the committee voted to approve the minutes with the above correction noted, carried by the following roll call vote: Anita Bautista: Aye, Dan Bickford: Aye, Cyndy Carlton: Aye, Michelle Dressler: Aye; Ken Fox: Aye; Kathleen Pishny: Aye, Dr. Alan Tuthill: Aye; Aye–7
4. **STAFF REPORT/PARK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE/ INFORMATIONAL – Fundraiser financial update/overview**

Community Services Director, Nicolas Chavez stated he appreciated Cyndy Carltons questions regarding SPARC financials and how they are utilized. Recreation Manager, Anne Morrison explained that SPARC funds are actually the Recreation Revolving Fundraiser Event account which is part of the city budget. The fundraiser event revenues and expenses are part of this budget. Budget projections are developed by City Staff, based on historical data and submitted as part of the annual budget to the City Council for approval via the City Manager and Finance Director. The fundraiser event is not subsidized by resident taxes or the City general fund. It is projected to be a cost recovery activity, which means it should cover all of the event expenses including (not limited to) personnel, City staffing, any type of rentals, marketing promotion, security fees, insurance fees, Sheriffs fees, banking fees and vendor stipends. The profits fund the following and if they are not utilized, then the funds are carried over into the next fiscal year:

- Financial Assistance Program (\$4,635 spent in 22/23 FY) - \$55.00 discount to qualifying Santee resident seniors of youth, per semester
- Community Enhancement Expense Fund (\$19,700.00 was spent in 22/23 FY) – SPARC recommendations were: \$10,000 to senior programming, \$5000 Teen Center, \$3500 Special Events and \$1200 Veterans Banner Program = \$19,700 was allocated.

Anne added that this fiscal year \$31,000 was allocated in the Community Enhancement fund. SPARC makes recommendations for fund allocations and the City Manager and City Council must approve recommendations and has full discretion over these funds. Primarily the focus of these expenditures is for parks and recreation programming and facility support and enhancements. Discussion was held.

Brews and Bites committee support

Recreation Manager, Anne Morrison shared a power-point presentation regarding how SPARC members can help the upcoming event. The fundraiser will be Saturday, October 21, 2023, 5:30pm-8:30pm at Town Center Community Park. This fundraiser event benefits people, parks and programs which included the financial assistance program, subsidizing recreation programs/events and special park projects. SPARC members can assist by recruiting vendors (food or beverage), collecting prize donations and/or volunteering. A follow-up email will be sent to the committee. Discussion was held.

Staff report

Community Services Director, Nicolas Chavez stated that installations of 10 new water fountain/bottle filling stations at different park locations will happen soon; City Council recently approved \$50,000 for Big Rock Park improvements from the Community Enhancement Funds which will help improve restrooms, painting projects and playground improvements. At the last SPARC meeting, \$18,000 from the community enhancement fund was recommended for Pickleball court resurfacing improvements and the

project is moving forward; Pickleball group is planning fundraiser events on October 14, December 9 and January 20. The new pickleball court banner program will assist with fundraising. There is an upcoming community service project being collaborated with Kiwanis and the local Rotarian Club, the project is building a monarch butterfly garden on September 16, 8:00 am at Woodglen Vista Park; the City issued a check to GUHSD for \$20,000 from CIP program for resurfacing Santana High School tennis courts and benefiting the Joint Use Agreement to continue the partnership; also, the YMCA swimming pool slide is now fully opened.

Recreation Manager, Anne Morrison presented the Santee Salutes recap video, the event was successful. It has been a busy summer with three summer concerts remaining; September 30 Movie in the Park at Town Center Community Park; Pickleball banner policy/program gives businesses the opportunity to advertise at the Big Rock Pickleball Courts – more information and application is online; day camp currently is running until August 22, many field trips were taken. The Fall recreation brochure will be out soon. The Teen Center Jr Leader program is currently operating, August 23 the Teen Center will be back to school hours. Seniors have been completing the Buddy Walk Challenge; Intergenerational Day at Teen Center with seniors and kids; Santee library has been utilizing Mast Park for outdoor programs with over 1000 attendees. The video for July was Parks and Recreation Month was shown Anne thanked the Recreation staff’s hard work this summer. Discussion was held. Public Services Manager, Sam Rensberry shared the department will be hiring an Irrigation Specialist, who can go through irrigation system, check controllers, adjust heads and fix valves. This position should assist with reducing water expenses. He also reminded the committee to check trees, plants and gardens and be sure to water.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS/GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Dan Bickford shared that the international clubs of Kiwanis, 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 in the wagon wheel area. Discussion was held. He added that the Kiwanis Club held a Law Enforcement recognition event at the Meadowbrook MHP where Santee and Lakeside Sheriffs, California Highway Patrol of the Year and Volunteers were recognized. Ken Fox shared his experience playing Pickleball at Big Rock Park and was impressed with the popularity.
6. **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – Reserve Policy, Next Meeting: September 7, 2023
8. **ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Committee Members:

Anita Bautista	Ken Fox
Dan Bickford	Kathleen Pishny
Cyndy Carlton	Dr. Alan Tuthill
Michelle Dressler	

Staff:

Nicolas Chavez, Community Services Director
 Anne Morrison, Recreation Manager
 Sam Rensberry, Public Services Manager
 Matt Foster, Recreation Coordinator
 Veronica Pesqueira, Administrative Secretary

Date Approved:


 Anne Morrison, Recreation Services Manager