



**Recreation Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

Noon, Friday, May 21, 2021  
Via Zoom Meeting ID: 396 769 8495

**Staff Present:** Daniel Barton, J.R. Hichborn, Debra Tierney, Darren Woodland, Nicole Friedrich, Danny Curtola, Lisa Davis and Rodney Dahlberg

**Committee Members Present:** Nghia Nguyen and Jeff Rothberg

**Call to order 12:10 pm**

**Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Committee. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes.

1. Approval of Recreation Committee Minutes from April 27, 2021.  
*Minutes approved*
2. Recreation staffing update.  
*Recreation Supervisor, Nicole Friedrich reports Camp Kids and CHALOF are fully staffed. Recreation Supervisor, Danny Curtola reports Camp Oak Wood and Project HYPE are fully staffed. The Junior Leaders are now referred to Leaders in Training for all camp programs. The program is offered to 13-17 year-olds. Camps are filling up quickly. Staff has left space in camps to open more spots if regulations are lifted and we can increase capacity. District Administrator, Daniel Barton updates the committee with regards to the open Recreation Superintendent position and options that will be brought to the Personnel Committee.  
Minimum wage increases in January to \$14 per hour. Adjustments are being made to wage scales in all divisions. Directors Nguyen and Rothberg thanks staff for the effort to create teen programs. There has been a great improvement, increase and willingness to explore teen programs over the past two years. Staff has put forth the effort and our community will benefit. Continue to push past the comfort zone to reach out to the teens to encourage them to participate.*
3. Senior phone calls update.  
*Director Rothberg contacted District Administrator, Daniel Barton in March about a program he had heard about. Staff members were contacting the senior community in New York to keep them engaged. Lisa Davis has been calling over 100 seniors each week since March 2020 to keep them engaged. Staff have received positive feedback from the seniors.*

*Directors Nguyen and Rothberg thank staff for reaching out to our seniors.*

4. Bridges program update.

*Staff intends on ending the relationship with San Juan Unified School Districts Bridges program. The constraints put in place the past few years has made it more difficult to hire employees. The program is never fully staffed. Staff spend more time recruiting leaders than keeping them employed. SJUSD is able to employ leaders at a higher wage and will continue the program if we decide to discontinue the program.*

*Director Rothberg thanks Director Nguyen for chairing this committee.*