

SAN DIEGO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ROBB FIELD COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 MINUTES

of the

Regular Meeting held at:

Jim Howard Hall
2525 Bacon Street
San Diego, CA 92107

Attendance (Officers):

Jim Nickel (OB Rec. Center), Chairperson
Rasheed Hassan (X Flag Football), Vice President
Todd Sprague (Peninsula Tennis Club), Treasurer

Attendance (Members):

Connor Mariani (SD Old Aztecs Rugby)
Kim Latham (At-Large)
John McKaveney (Albion Soccer Club)
Whitney Wilkinson (At-Large)

Absent:

Jane Bird, Volo San Diego (excused)
Michelle Huber (Peninsula Little League)
Annika Santos (SD Surfers Rugby)
Kellee Waters (Kiwanis Club of OB), Corresp. Secretary
Jackson Wyatt (High Tech High School)
Scott Lewis (PYSA)

Guests:

Steve Pond
Adam Rahrer, Cherrypick Capital

City Staff

Luke Kosta, Center Director III

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson, Jim Nickel, called the regular meeting of the Robb Field Community Recreation Group (Robb Field CRG) to order at 7:02 pm on Thursday, September 7, 2023. A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS:

The Robb Field CRG members, City Staff, and guests in attendance introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The proposed agenda for the September 7, 2023 regular meeting of the Robb Field CRG was presented for approval.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Todd Sprague/Rasheed Hassan) to approve the September 7, 2023 agenda, as presented. Motion passed unanimously [7|0|0].

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The proposed minutes of the March 2, 2023 regular meeting of the Robb Field CRG were presented for approval.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Todd Sprague/Whitney Wilkinson) to approve the March 2, 2023 minutes, as presented. Motion passed [5|0|2]. Abstained: Rasheed Hassan and John McKaveney.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No speakers.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chairperson, Jim Nickel, reported that the third and final informational presentation by Project Manager Juliana Grotzinger regarding the proposed improvements to Robb Field will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 6:00 pm sharp at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center. The Robb Field CRG members are strongly encouraged to attend and to provide their input. The Robb Field CRG members need to be informed, since they will be voting on approval of the General Development Plan (GDP) amendment at their next meeting. Such approval is necessary for the City to proceed to the next step in making the proposed improvements to Robb Field.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

In the absence of Corresponding Secretary, Kellee Waters, Jim Nickel summarized the attendance report. Jim reported that as of August 31, 2023 all Robb Field CRG organizational members and at-large members have a very good attendance record. None are currently at risk for loss of membership due to three consecutive non-excused absences or four annual absences from Robb Field CRG meetings. Rasheed reminded all Robb Field CRG members that if they have a medical reason or other valid reason for missing a meeting, they should notify the Robb Field office to request an excused absence. The entire January through August, 2023 Robb Field CRG attendance report is attached to these minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer, Todd Sprague, assisted by Jim Nickel, reported the following unaudited financial information provided by the City of San Diego in the "Budget to Actuals Report" for the Robb Field account for Period 1 of Fiscal Year 2024.

Period 1 encompassed the time period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2023. The total revenue for July, 2023 was \$2,050, and consisted of -\$564 of interest income, and \$2,614 of income from P&R usage fees. The expenses incurred but not yet paid (encumbrances) included \$6,575 for soil and conditioner and \$1,195 for miscellaneous professional/technical services. The expenses actually paid for supplies totaled \$2,050. The expenses actually paid for miscellaneous professional/technical services totaled \$0. As of July 31, 2023, the balance in the Robb Field Recreation Center fund was \$123,137.33. The City's unaudited Fiscal Year 2024 Budget to Actuals Report for Period 1 for the Robb Field Recreation Center is attached to these minutes. The Budget-to-Actuals reports for Periods 2 and 3 are not available at this time.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Rasheed Hassan/John McKaveney) to approve the Budget-to-Actuals Report for Robb Field for Period 1 of Fiscal Year 2024 as presented, subject to audit. Motion passed unanimously [7|0|0].

SAN DIEGO CITY STAFF REPORTS:

Center Director III, Luke Kosta, reported the following items. 1) Since our last meeting in March, we had our Annual Egg Hunt with about 200 people in attendance. 2) Field 1 softball lights were fixed on April 26th. 3) Quad renovations were completed on May 27th. 4) Back-9 renovations started on July 17th. 5) Our Annual Movie in the Park was held on August 5th, and we had about 150 people.

FITNESS CLUB REPORT:

Luke Kosta reported that the Fitness Club reopened on July 11, 2023 and is being operated by the City. A day pass costs \$5.18 credit/debit card only. There have been 215 registrations at this time. The hours of operation are somewhat limited, but should improve as they get more staff.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of plan to develop the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for Robb Field.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (John McKaveney/Whitney Wilkinson) that Luke Kosta proceed with drafting a FY2025 budget for Robb field that is based on realistic estimates of income and expenses with special attention to field maintenance needs, summer camp and other program needs, and fitness club needs. Motion passed unanimously [7|0|0].

2. Confirmation of nominating committee for 2024 Robb Field CRG officers.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Rasheed Hassan/Connor Mariani) to approve appointment of a nominating committee consisting of Todd Sprague, John McKaveney, and Jim Nickel. Motion passed unanimously [7|0|0].

3. Discussion of how to improve field maintenance conditions and community Special Events at Robb Field.

Steve Pond presented his ideas on how to improve field maintenance at Robb Field including staffing, training, and management/supervision issues. Several CRG members offered additional thoughts regarding technical, financing, and staffing issues. There was consensus that these topics should be explored in greater depth at some time in the near future and possibly included as an action item at a future CRG meeting

COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

At-Large/Kim Latham: There is an ongoing problem with the large number of RV's and homeless persons in the area parks and the incredible amount of trash and garbage produced and left behind.

At-Large/Whitney Wilkinson: Nothing new to report.

SD Old Aztecs Rugby/Connor Mariani: The SD Old Aztecs are playing rugby and having a good time.

Peninsula Tennis Club/Todd Sprague: Todd reported that Peninsula Tennis Club's SUP was renewed. PTC is also planning to resurface the tennis courts which will cost about \$100,000.

Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach/Jim Nickel: The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach will again be offering a free pickup service for food donations to the annual Ocean Beach Holiday Food Drive in early December.

Ocean Beach Recreation Center/Jim Nickel: Ocean Beach had a successful movie in the park. The Ocean Beach and Dusty Rhodes CRG's will be merging in the near future.

X Flag Football/Rasheed Hassan: X-flag football started this week at multiple sites. The season goes to November. There is also a cash tournament in November. X-flag football is looking forward to a great season!

Albion Soccer Club/John McKaveney: Albion starts on September 18th.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (John McKaveney/Whitney Wilkinson) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously [7|0|0]. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Robb Field CRG will be a special meeting at Jim Howard Hall on Thursday November 2,2023 at 7:00 pm.

CRG MEMBERS: If you expect to miss the meeting, please email Luke Kosta at KostaL@sandiego.gov or call (619) 531-1563.

If there are any questions regarding these minutes, please contact Luke Kosta at KostaL@sandiego.gov or Jim Nickel at jimnickel@earthlink.net . This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

Submitted by:

Luke Kosta, Center Director III and Recording Secretary

Date

Reviewed by:

Angelina Black, Area Manager, Parks and Recreation Dept.

Date

Approved by:

James R. Nickel, Chairperson

Date