

City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY RECREATION ADVISORY GROUP**

September 21, 2023

**MINUTES**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:**

The meeting of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Recreation Advisory Group was held on September 21, 2023, at 12:00 pm, at MLK Recreation Center.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**MEMBERS**

JoAnn Fields, Chairperson  
Shaun Manning, Vice Chairperson  
Thomas Van, Resident  
Sally Smull, Resident  
Chris Jones, SDPD

**ABSENT:**

Moana Alo, State Assembly 79<sup>th</sup> District Dr. Akilah Weber  
Clarence Garner, Treasurer  
Evelyn Smith, Resident  
Joe Smith, Community Advocate (Fatherhood Alliance)  
Julia Balkova – Mtn. View Tennis  
Henry Wallace, Chairman of The San Diego Original Black Panther Party for Community Empowerment.

**STAFF:**

Christian Haupt, Area Manager II  
Caleb Martin, Center Director III  
Robert Tamayo, Assistant Center Director  
Tosh Knight, Pool Manager  
Karen Montufar-Federico, Council District 4 Representative

**GUEST:**

Cathy Ramsy  
Frances Story

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 12:09pm by JoAnn Fields.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (T. Van/S. Manning) to approve January, April & July Minutes (4/0/0).

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** Thomas Van expressed the need for doggy bags around the George Stevens Center.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** JoAnn Fields requested the addition of George Steven Center.

**GROUND UP FOUNDATION:** Shaun Manning informed the group that the MLK Day committee is continuing to plan out MLK Day. Shaun also expressed the importance of informing the youth of the laws/ regulations within San Diego.

**MLK DAY COMMITTEE:** MLK committee has had three meetings discussing the vendor, performer, and parade applications. Sub-committees will be formed for outreach purposes. A meeting will take place on January 7<sup>th</sup> with the vendors, performers and parade participants discussing the logistics of the event. The sub-committee will also walk the neighborhood informing the residents of the upcoming event and road closures.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** N/A

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE:** N/A

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT:** JoAnn Fields informed the group that the applications are due on November 24<sup>th</sup> giving the participants two months to send in the proper paperwork and pay the correct fees. Vendor forms have been updated and payment can now be completed on SDRcConnect. Late fees will be added after the November 28<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4:** N/A

**SDPD COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Officer Chris Jones reported on the low staffing levels the department continues to face. Chris also shared the importance of continuing to call and report crimes within the area.

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**AREA MANAGER II:** Christian Haupt reported on Marie Wideman's storm channel which has been cleared out by transportations and storm water. The hillside on 65<sup>th</sup> has been weed whipped by Urban Core. Also, the lights at the George Stevens Center have been changed to LEDs.

**CENTER DIRECTOR III:** Robert Tamayo reported on the upcoming season for flag football and volleyball. MLK will be a host site for volleyball games on Monday and Thursday from 5:30pm to about 8:00pm. MLK is hosting a Halloween Carnival on October 27<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Park's Foundation. MLK will match the donation and pay for food vendors.

**POOL MANAGER:** N/A

**MOUNTAINVIEW RACQUET AND TENNIS CLUB:** N/A

**INFORMATION ITEM:** Thomas informed the committee that the George Stevens center will be giving out free security cameras to seniors within the area of 92114. The

**ACTION ITEMS:** Approval of the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center FY 2025 RCF Budget and Opportunity Fund Budget.

**MOTION:**

**WORKSHOP:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next Martin Luther King Jr. Community Recreation Advisory Group Meeting will be held on Thursday January 18th, 2024, at 12:00pm, in person.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Tamayo, Assistant Center Director.

Reviewed by Christian Haupt, Area Manager II