

SAN DIEGO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ROBB FIELD COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP
(FORMERLY, ROBB FIELD ADVISORY GROUP)
DECEMBER 1, 2022 MINUTES

of the

Regular Meeting Held At:

Jim Howard Hall
2525 Bacon Street
San Diego, CA 92107

Attendance (Officers):

Rasheed Hassan (X Flag Football), Vice President
Jim Nickel (Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach), Secy./Treasurer

Attendance (Members):

Cameron Fugundes (Volo San Diego)
Josh Gihring (SD Old Aztecs Rugby)
Michelle Huber (Peninsula Little League)
Kim Latham (At-Large)
Scott Lewis (PYSA)
Todd Sprague (Peninsula Tennis Club)
Whitney Wilkinson (At-Large)
Jackson Wyatt (High Tech High School)

Absent:

John McKaveney (Albion Soccer Club), Pres. (excused)
Annika Santos (SD Surfers Rugby) (excused)
Kellee Waters (Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach) (excused)

Guests:

Ron Bell, Peninsula Tennis Club
David Coppa, Pickleball Assoc. of SD
Steve Leffler, SD District Tennis Assn.
Debby Merickel, Pickleball Assoc. of SD
Mike Shinzaki, Pickleball Assoc. of SD

City Staff

Luke Kosta, Center Director III

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairperson, Rasheed Hassan, called the regular meeting of the Robb Field Community Recreation Group (Robb Field CRG) to order at 7:02 pm on Thursday, December 1, 2022. A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The proposed agenda for the December 1, 2022 regular meeting of the Robb Field CRG was presented for approval.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Kim Latham/Whitney Wilkinson) to approve the December 1, 2022 agenda, as presented. Motion passed unanimously [9|0|0].

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The proposed minutes of the September 22, 2022 special meeting of the Robb Field SRG were presented for approval.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Michelle Huber/Whitney Wilkinson) to approve the September 22, 2022 minutes, as presented. Motion passed unanimously [8|0|1]. Abstained: Jackson Wyatt.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mike Shinzaki, an officer of the Pickleball Association of San Diego, introduced himself. Mike then gave a concise 3-minute presentation of the conceptual plans the Pickleball Association has for pickleball courts at Robb Field. The first conceptual plan is to have the City convert some or all of the currently existing tennis courts to pickleball courts. The second conceptual plan is to construct a new pickleball facility in a currently unused area of Robb Field. The new facility would be located relatively close to Jim Howard Hall, and it would be of comparable size to the existing tennis facility, and it would have amenities including restrooms and a clubhouse. The new facility would be financed by private capital and loans, but not by taxpayer funds.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Acting Chairperson, Rasheed Hassan, commented that he did not have anything new to report at this time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary, Jim Nickel, reminded all Robb Field CRG organizational members that their organizations need to submit an up-to-date copy of their bylaws and a list of their current officers and directors to the Robb Field office as soon as possible. Jim reported that as of November 30, 2022 all Robb Field CRG organizational members and at-large members have a satisfactory 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. Jim 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 November, 2022 attendance report is attached to these minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer, Jim Nickel, reported the following unaudited financial information provided by the City of San Diego in their "Budget to Actuals Report" for the Robb Field account for Period 3 of Fiscal Year 2023. Period 3 encompassed the time period beginning September 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2022. The total revenue for September, 2022 was \$12,297, consisting of -\$25 of interest income (loss) and \$12,322 of income from usage fees. The total expenses incurred but not yet paid (encumbrances) totaled \$1,521 and consisted of \$111 for soil and conditioner, and \$1,410 for miscellaneous professional/technical services. The expenses actually paid totaled \$24,321 and consisted of \$2,832 for fertilizer, \$21,413 for soil and conditioner, and \$75 for sign materials/supplies. As of September 30, 2022, the balance in the Robb Field Recreation Center fund was \$161,665.64. In summary, the original FY 2023 Robb Field budget was \$199,000, and as of September 30, 2022 a total of \$25,842 has been used, leaving an amount of \$173,158 as available budget still to be spent during FY2023. The City's unaudited Fiscal Year 2023 Budget to Actuals Report as of the end of Period 3 for Robb Field Recreation Center is attached to these minutes. The Budget-to-Actuals report for Period 4 is not available at this time.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Whitney Wilkinson/Josh Gihring) to approve the Budget-to-Actuals Report for Robb Field for Period 3 of Fiscal Year 2023 as presented, subject to audit. Motion passed unanimously [9|0|0].

SAN DIEGO CITY STAFF REPORTS:

Center Director III, Luke Kosta, reported the following items. 1) Robb Field's Assistant Center Director, Justin Necaie, is no longer at Robb. He has been promoted to a Center Director I at Presidio Park. His last day at Robb was November 17, 2022. 2) Robb will be getting a new Assistant Center Director, Jeanette Montero. She will be starting on Saturday December 10, 2022. 3) The City's annual city-wide flag football tournament will take place at Robb Field from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday December 10, 2022. There will be 3 competition groups – 7-year-olds and under, 10-year-olds and under, and 12-year-olds and under. The City is considering providing jumpers and food for the event.

FITNESS CLUB REPORT:

No report.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

Center Director III Luke Kosta and Treasurer Jim Nickel presented the proposed FY2024 budget for Robb Field. In the absence of a Robb Field center Director, this proposed budget was prepared by Cynthia Comacho who is the Center Director III at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center. Extended discussion ensued with several Robb Field CRG members voicing concerns that one of the most important items – field maintenance and improvement – appeared to be under-budgeted. There were also comments that the budget category “recreation programs” includes athletic programs as well as arts and crafts and other educational programs.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Michelle Huber/Todd Sprague) to conditionally approve an operating expense budget totaling \$199,000 which is to be allocated approximately as follows: 10% for contingencies, 10% for special events, 40% for maintenance costs, and 40% for athletic and other recreation programs. The details of the individual line items to be included in each of these broad categories will be subject to review and final approval at the next CRG meeting. Motion passed unanimously [9|0|0].

2. Election of the 2023 Robb Field CRG officers.

Jim Nickel, who had been asked by President John McKaveney to chair the nominating committee, presented the following slate of nominees for the 2023 Robb Field CRG officer positions: Chairperson/President – Jim Nickel, Vice Chairperson/Vice President - Rasheed Hassan, Corresponding Secretary – Kellee Waters, Treasurer – Todd Sprague. Additional nominations from the floor were requested, but none were made.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Michelle Huber/Whitney Wilkinson) to approve the following slate of nominees for the 2023 Robb Field CRG officers: Chairperson/President – Jim Nickel, Vice Chairperson/Vice President - Rasheed Hassan, Corresponding Secretary – Kellee Waters, Treasurer – Todd Sprague. Motion passed unanimously [9|0|0].

COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

Peninsula Tennis Club/Todd Sprague: Peninsula Tennis Club (PTC) is happy to be a new member of this group. Todd handed out a copy of the PTC’s press release issued after their presentation of their conceptual plan for the Robb Field tennis facility to the Mission Bay Park CRG last month. Todd also reported that the fall leagues just wrapped up with 12 teams participating. The Point Loma High School boys and girls teams have completed their home matches at PTC. PTC runs 10 clinics and provides approximately 200 hours of instruction weekly. They are also planning a cruise in the near future. Member social meetings are scheduled in December and February. They recently started a drop-in tennis program on Wednesdays as a way to introduce potential new members to the PTC. A copy of the above-mentioned press release is attached to these minutes.

SD Old Aztecs Rugby/Josh Gihring: Old Aztecs Rugby has been using Robb Field for a long time. Josh mentioned the need for repair and maintenance of some of the lighting, especially the light by the office. Several other CRG members commented that good lighting is needed because inadequate lighting is a safety issue. Lighting problems and additional lighting needs should be reported to the City.

Volo San Diego/Cameron Fugundes: VOLO is enjoying playing kickball and softball on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at Robb Field.

High Tech High/Jackson Wyatt: Nothing new to report.

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

At-Large/Kim Latham: Kim commented that lighting is needed near the PYC clubhouse walkways.

Peninsula Little League (PLL)/Michelle Huber: Peninsula Little League fall season is over. Spring season will start in February.

Peninsula Youth Softball Association (PYSA)/Scott Lewis: PYSA completed a successful fall season in partnership with Clairmont Girls Fast Pitch. PYSA has completed a survey of members with families that revealed significant urgent concerns about homeless persons and bathrooms as well as lack of improvements and lighting.

Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach/Jim Nickel (substituting for Kellee Waters who is out sick with COVID): The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach is offering a free pickup service for food donations to the Ocean Beach Holiday Food and Toy Drive on Saturday, December 10th beginning at 10:00 am. The 76th annual Ocean Beach Kite Festival will take place at Robb Field all day on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

X Flag Football/Rasheed Hassan: Nothing new to report.

Albion Soccer Club/John McKaveney: No report.

SD Surfers Rugby/Annika Santos: No report.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Whitney Wilkinson/Rasheed Hassan) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously [8|0|0]. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Robb Field Advisory Group is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Jim Howard Hall, 2525 Bacon Street, San Diego, CA 92107.

ADVISORY GROUP 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 or contact 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:

Rasheed Hassan, Acting Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Date