

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
University Heights Advisory Group

MINUTES
April 1st, 2021 @5:30 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Mailing Address:

North Park Recreation Center
4044 Idaho Street
San Diego, CA 92104

ATTENDANCE

Marc Johnson, Chairperson
Ernie Bonn, Corresponding Secretary
Sol Schumer
Stu McGraw
Marc Johnson
Andy Cameron
Chris Milnes

Members Absent:

Josephine Salerno
Liem Do, Vice Chairperson
Pat Johnston
Jeffrey Taylor
Rod Girvin

Guests

None

City Staff

Jay Villanueva, OCA Area Manager II
Benjamin Cartwright, Council District 3 Representative

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson - Marc Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Chris Milnes/Andy Cameron) to approve the March 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0-0).

COMMUNICATIONS - No Report

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Marc Johnson shared an e-mail complaint from a local resident who dislikes the three trashcans that are in front of Old Trolley Barn Park near the kiosk. Jay explained the trash cans are necessary to maintain trash control. These trash cans are near the entrance of the park and bus stop where we get the most foot traffic. Board members agreed and will share this information with the residents.

A community member was interested in having the kiosk lit up at night with solar lights. The idea is to place small replicable solar battery lights to light the sign up at night. The Board will gather more information and present their findings at the next meeting before sending this request to the Parks & Recreation Department.

Another concern brought up by Stu McGraw was the dead pepper tree located near the playground bench. He's checking up on the status with that removal. Jay replied let me discuss with Raffa and Michele and get back to you at our next meeting with a follow up.

The last community concern that was addressed by Marc Johnson was the concern of broken tree limbs located on the other side of the enclosed fence area near the main street. Jay replied to the Advisory Group letting them know the broken tree and debris will be cleaned up within 48 hours.

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Marc Johnson/Sol Schumer) to authorize and put a statement forward as the Parks & Recreation Advisory Group to ask the City Council Group to delay the voting process until there is more public community involvement.

West Lewis Mini Park – No Report.

City Council District 3 Representative: Benjamin Cartwright

- City Council District 3 is aware of the University Heights dog park proposal from the community members. It's on the top of their list and Benjamin Cartwright will pass on more information as it comes in.
- The annual Old Trolley Barn Easter Egg Hunt event is canceled due to park COVID Guidelines. Instead, the Council District will host an Easter Egg Basket Drive Through at Golden Hill Recreation Center on Sunday date?
- Recycles home bins will be picked up tomorrow. There was a one-day holiday delay.
- Ernie Bonn was recognized last Tuesday by Councilmember Stephen Whitburn for her dedications and hard work she has contributed into our community.

San Diego Police Department – No Report

Birney Elementary – No Report

University Heights Point – The Park fence near the 1100 block is still being worked on and its coming along great. Stu McGraw also noticed a dead 15ft tall oak tree that is dead and can be considered a fire hazard. He met one of the residents who lives next to the canyon. He was alarmed of how much trash was on the bottom of the canyon hillside. The area is not safe and is considered a fire hazard.

Old Trolley Barn Park – The park is being utilized heavily from the community and our Grounds Maintenance Worker is continuing to maintain the parks appearance. Ernie asked what's the status on the park's curfew. Jay replied there's certain steps the Advisory Group must follow to get a curfew approved from not just the P&R Department but from the community as well. The Board would like to add this curfew item to the agenda and discuss when Michele returns since she has knowledge with this topic.

Park and Recreation Community Parks II Area Committee – No Meeting

Uptown Planners – No Report

North Park Public Facilities Subcommittee – No Report

Nominating Committee – No Report

Action Items – None

WORKSHOP ITEMS - None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Marc Johnson/ Sol Schumer) to adjourn the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Jay Villanueva

Submitted by;

Jay Villanueva – Center Director III

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