

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
University Heights Community Recreation Group
MINUTES
August 5, 2021 at 5:30 pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Mailing Address:

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

ATTENDANCE

Marc Johnson, Chairperson
Sol Schumer
Chris Milnes
Jeffrey Taylor
Ernie Bonn, Corresponding Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Stu McGraw
Rod Girvin
Andy Cameron

CITY STAFF

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II
Council District 3 Representative – Marcela Miranda-Caballero

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Marc Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Sol Schumer/Chris Milnes) to approve July 1, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

COMMUNICATIONS – None

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Marc Johnson reported he’s hoping for approval to the Parks Master Plan, each division would receive funds.

REPORTS

Parks and Recreation – Michele Chicarelli reported:

- Experiencing more vandalism at Old Trolley Barn Park Playground structure. The department is in the process of replacing the vandalized yellow slide.
- One tree at Old Trolley Barn Park was vandalized, someone cut the top of the tree off. No plans to replace the tree currently.

City Council District 3 Representative – Marcela Miranda-Caballero reported:

- There has been no update on the Parks Master Plan.
- No updates on the temporary dog park. She would like to attend the site visit when scheduled. Marc Johnson would also like to attend the meeting and will CRG members be included in presentations?

San Diego Police Department – No Report

Birney Elementary – No Report

University Heights Point – No Report.

Uptown Planners – Sol Schumer mentioned that their new Board was seated at their August 3rd meeting, held outside, and ended early, due to a lack of outdoor light. Future meetings will be back on Zoom, as they don't feel there is sufficient ventilation inside the Joyce Beers Community Center room, for safe meetings during COVID-19. The two topics discussed were their prioritized list of Capital

Improvements Projects, and whether they should take a position on the NAVWAR Revitalization proposals.

Old Trolley Barn Neighborhood Park – No Report

Parks and Recreation Community Parks II Area Committee – Sol Schumer reported the meeting was held on July 28, 2021, 7:00-8:15 pm, at the War Memorial Building. Six people attended the in-person meeting. The following items were discussed:

- Chollas Creek: Trying to get designated as a Regional Park.
- Off-Leash Dog Park at North Chollas: In their community plan for 25 years.
- The Parks Master Plan was read and submitted June 9, 2021 UHCRG Letter to City (City Council final vote on August 3.

North Park Public Facilities Subcommittee – Ernie Bonn reported:

- July 13th and July 27th meetings: Review and prioritization of Capital Improvement Projects for 2021, survey will follow top 5 chosen.
- Pedestrian facility improvements in Morley Field and East Mesa Areas of Balboa Park adjacent to North Park.
- Creation of off leash dog area at North Park Community Park.
- Construction of feasible improvements of El Cajon Blvd/Park Blvd/Normal St. intersection with modification to language to remove references to roundabout.
- Construction of a new and expanded North Park Recreation Center, with modification to language to include option to “upgrade” existing building.
- Construction of a new North Park Community Adult Center, with modification to language to include option to “upgrade” existing building.
- Next meeting is on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

Education Center Redevelopment – No Report

ACTION ITEMS –Consent (Items are adopted without discussion)

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1. Lighting for Kiosk in Old Trolley Barn Park
Tabled, no action taken.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. New Joint Use Dog Park

INFORMATION ITEM

1. UHCDC may be able to arrange to use the Birney School Library for in-person UHCRG meetings, as in the past, when COVID-19 permits that to occur.
2. Zoom CRG meetings will continue at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Submitted by Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II

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