

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
University Heights Community Recreation Group
MINUTES
December 2, 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
Ernie Bonn, Corresponding Secretary
Jeffrey Taylor
Andy Cameron

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rod Girvin
Stu McGraw

CITY STAFF

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II
Council District 3 Representative – Ryan Darsey
Rafael Padilla, Presidio Recreation Center Director
Tianna David, North Park Recreation Center Director
Shannon Scoggins, Park Planner
Frank Hunt, Park Planner
Michelle Abella-Shon, Project Officer

GUESTS

Ross Lopez
Carol Lord
Naji Samer, SDUSD
Lee Dulgeroff, SDUSD
Tracey Tincknell, SDUSD
Melinda Pajak

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Marc Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Sol Schumer/Andy Cameron) to approve November 4, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

COMMUNICATIONS – None

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Marc Johnson requested approval from the Board members, to go out of order on the agenda since City Park Planner Shannon Scoggins has a presentation to share about the Ed Center Temporary Off Leash Dog Park. Board members agreed.

REPORTS

Parks and Recreation – Michele Chicarelli reported

- Old Trolley Barn Park experienced less vandalism and graffiti.
- Broken wrought iron fence on the north end of Old Trolley Barn park. The fence is chained and secured until repairs can be made.
- The recent winds caused eucalyptus tree limbs to break, City maintenance is inspecting the trees throughout the week.
- Maintenance staff will conduct an irrigation check at Birney Joint Use, may be a broken irrigation head.
- North Park Mini Park Grand Opening will be on Wednesday, December 15th.

Tianna David reported

- North Park Recreation Center will be hosting “Santa Comes to Town” on December 18th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- North Park is hosting Toys for Tots, the last day to register is December 7th.

Rafael Padilla reported

- Presidio Recreation Center will be hosting a movie inside the gymnasium on December 17th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. playing “The Grinch.”

City Council District 3 Representative – Ryan Darsey reported they are excited about the new temporary dog park. CD3 is hosting an inaugural holiday stuff animal drive with 6 drop off locations from December 1st through December 15th.

San Diego Police Department – No Report

Birney Elementary – P.E. Teacher Carol Lord reported issues with dog feces on the field and suggested once the new off leash dog park is completed, to install new signs stating, “no dogs allowed” and “closed at dusk”. Lee Dulgeroff ensured Carol the City and SDUSD continue to work together on the dog feces issue and will discuss new signage for the field.

University Heights Point – No Report

Uptown Planners – Sol Schumer reported their next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2021.

Old Trolley Barn Neighborhood Park – Under Michele Chicarelli’s report.

Parks and Recreation Community Parks II Area Committee – Sol Schumer reported there was no meeting last month, and no meeting scheduled in December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26th, and they will be discussing bike safety improvements off Pershing Drive.

North Park Public Facilities Subcommittee – No Report

Education Center Redevelopment – No Report

ACTION ITEMS -Consent (Items are adopted without discussion)

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1. Temporary off-leash dog park at the Eugene Brucker Education Center– Request approval of either Option A (separate pen area for large and small dogs) or Option B (single pen area for all size dogs).

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Chris Milnes/Andy Cameron) to approve Option B, motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

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WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. New Joint Use Dog Park – Park Planner Shannon Scoggins shared a presentation on the proposed Ed Center Temporary Off Leash Dog Park. A review of questions and answers:

- Shannon Scoggins reported the City will have a license agreement with SDUSD to use the Ed Center turf area for the new temporary off leash dog park.
- Melinda Pajak stated she is a responsible dog owner and encourages off leash dog areas to be grass.
- Sol Schumer asked why the long path entrance on the north side of the off-leash dog park? Why can't the entrance be on the south side? Shannon Scoggins responded when the slope survey was conducted, the north side has less of a slope than the south side, but her team would survey the area again.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Sharp disparity seen in City recreation centers.

Deferred to next meeting, article link below, please review before the next meeting.

http://enewspaper.sandiegouniontribune.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=e23d96c9-c9da-40f8-b6f1-efbcebbc5488

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., Virtual Zoom Meeting: <https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/j/1605648661>

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Submitted by Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II

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