

**City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department
Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group
October 2023, at 7:00pm
Minutes**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group was held at Silver Wing Recreation Center 3737 Arey Drive San Diego, C 92154

CALL TO ORDER

President Dotty Giffen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (6)	Members Absent (1)	Staff Present (5)	Guest (2)
Dotty Giffen President	Angelina Bravo	German Fimbres	Steven Dawid
Mike Grzenia Vice President		Albert Hara	Maritza Hernandez
Alex Gutierrez Secretary		CJ Saldana	Mayara Hernandez
Sherri Gonzalez		Carlos Edington	
Maria Carranza		Robert Broomfield	
		Taevee Davis	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of October meeting minutes. Motion approved: Sherri G./ Mike G.
(4 yeah/0-Nay/0-Abstain)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP

None.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

Carlos Edington reported the following:

- Shop with a Cop at the Walmart on Dennerly on the 21st. 2 officers present and 10 students in local schools will get \$100 each to shop. Community member Fidel Reyes hosting the event.
- The Police Department is facing some challenging staffing issues with 18 cadets in the academy versus the regular 50.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORTS

Roberto Broomfield reported the following:

- A second meeting at the City Council will take place on October 17th about the Tijuana River Valley issue for anyone who wants to stay informed.
- Dumpster Drop off at Robert Egger South Bay Recreation Center on October 21st from 9am-12pm.

80th DISTRICT REPORTS

Mayra Hernandez reported the following:

- Bill AB427 which was signed into law last month about SANDAG contracting.
- Bill AB425 signed by Governor Newsom about covid testing and medications being covered by the state.
- Connect with Communities committee meets at Cesar Chavez Campus on December 8th. The hearing will be about how freeways impact the community.

HISTORICAL TOPICS

None.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUENCES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- Movies in the Park were very well attended and lots of fun.
- The Fall Halloween parties and events with painting and carving are coming up soon.

Vice President Mike Grzenia

- Noticed some dirt over at the ball fields and asked if we are renovating the fields soon.

Treasure Sherri Gonzalez

- My husband attended the last dumpster drop off and said it was nice to not have to get out of the car to unload.

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE

None.

OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

- Next meeting will be December 14th from 2-4pm at the City of Chula Vista Civic Center 276 Fourth Avenue Building C

ATHLETIC REPORTS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Center Director II, Taevee Davis reported the following:

- 3 New Park Ambassadors Interns funded by the San Diego Parks Foundation.
- Javier Ramirez, Recreation Leader II who promoted from Recreation Leader I am overseeing the Teen Center. The position is half time benefited.
- Fall Break Camp for one week was great and the 2 Skate Camps at Solis as well.
- Flag Football season is going on now.
- Adult Ceramics Class is coming this winter.
- Toys for Tots registration is going on now until November 15th.

Area Manager, German Fimbres reported the following:

- Cell Tower is going to get new foliage, equipment, and expanded enclosure.
- Signs were ordered for the new ordinances of no vehicle habitation.
- Please contact USDA Wildlife for coyotes and bobcats' sightings which was directed by the Humane Society.
- Presented first draft of Silver Wing FY2025 RCF budget.

Center Director III, CJ Saldana reported the following:

- 4 new Interns with the Park Ambassadors Program.
- Church Group will be giving out commodities on the 27th.
- Hosting Flag Football at Waller.
- Co-Ed All Girls Volleyball Team.
- The circus company is coming back early December.
- Snow Day will be on Sunday, December 10th due to vendors not being available on Saturday.
- Toys for Tots registration is currently happening.
- Presented first draft of Montgomery Waller FY2025 RCF budget.

Area Manager, Albert Hara reported the following:

- Beautification at Montgomery Waller and the parking lot on Fourth Avenue. Some were also distributed in the Nestor neighborhood.
- No update on Grove Neighborhood Park.
- Basketball Courts at Montgomery Waller was chosen for some artwork to be done by a local organization.
- T-Mobile and the leaking of the roof and the damage at Waller is about \$25-\$30k.
- Retiring on November 2nd with 39 years with the Department.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- MWRC Pumpkin Carving: 10/25/2023 4-7pm
- MWRC Halloween Carnival: 10/27/2023 5-8pm
- SWRC Day Fall Day Camp: 10/2-10/6 9-4pm
- Cesar Solis Skate Camp: Week 1 9/25-9/29 Week 2 10/2-10/6
- SWRC Pumpkin Painting: 10/26 4:30-6PM
- SWRC Fall Festival: 10/27 2-4pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

November 9th, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Montgomery Waller Recreation Center

3020 Coronado Avenue

(619) 424-0465

Submitted by,

Reviewed by

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Taevee Davis
Center Director

German Fimbres
Area Manager

Dotty Giffen
President

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