

SOUTHCREST RECREATION CRG

**4149 Newton Avenue
San Diego Ca. 92113
(619) 527-3413
December 12, 2023**

MINUTES

LOCATION OF THE MEETING
Southcrest Recreation Center, Meeting Room
4149 Newton Ave. San Diego, CA 92113

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dwayne Hill, Member
Robert Michel, Member
Vicky Kirkpatrick
Tony Jasso

MEMBERS

ABSENT

James Trowsdell
Cesar Lopez
Felicia Moses

GUESTS

LaTricee Hill
Nichole Hill
Sharice Burk

CITY COUNCIL

Lizzie Rodriguez
Natalia Rosas

SAN DIEGO POLICE

Officer Omar Luzuriaga

STAFF

Ahtthaijiri Bell, Center Director
Johana Castillo, Assistant Center Director

CALL TO ORDER

Vicky Kirckpatrick called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: None

AREA MANAGER REPORT

None

CENTER DIRECTOR REPORT

Ahthaijiri Bell reported the following:

- Gym is closed because we redid the floors, added pickle ball lines, also got new rims.
- Will work with ground maintenance workers to deep clean the recreation center.
- Officially accepted the Center Director position here at Southcrest.
- This upcoming week we will be closing the fields to re-seed the field. Field will open up on March 1st.

Johana Castillo reported the following:

- Finished flag-football season and our 16U team won the City-Wide championship.
- We are going to start our basketball season we will have a Peewee, 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U team.
- We will have Churros with the Grinch on December 14th, 2023 from 5-8pm and we will combine it with our Flag-football banquet.
- Promoting Mayor for the Day so kids can get involved by writing an essay or making a video.
- Starting our Cheer program here at Southcrest.
- Will have Winter Camp here for two weeks from 8-4pm.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Hill (Board Member) reported the following:

- Got a sponsor to paint a mural around the snack bar since the field was named after Shelley Curtis White.
- Will be putting shades on the bleachers here at Southcrest
- Got another sponsor to get new trash cans to put next to the bleachers with a recyclable blue can.

Mr. Michell (Board Member) reported the following:

- Introduced himself
- Has been living in the Southcrest Neighborhood for about 65 years
- Mentioned that the last City Representatives have promised so many things, but nothing has ever been done with lights or street repairs.
- Asked about Security/Traffic cameras (Refer to Officer Omar)

Tony Jasso (Board Member) reported the following:

- Shared concerns: Lack of lighting on the Northeastern side of the park.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT (Vicky Kirkpatrick)

- Introduced herself and let everybody know she was going to conduct the meeting since Ms. Felicia was not going to be here.
- Asked board members if they looked at the minutes and if they approved them, all members approved.
- Let everybody know that Ms. Felicia asked in prior meetings if anybody would like to run for office and she got no response from anybody in wanting to take a position.
- Asked if anybody in the room is interested in holding a position. Mr. Hill answered and said, “he would like to run for chair” and Mr. Jasso said, “he would like to run for co-chair”.
- Elections are still a workshop item, CRG must see if any of the members who were not here tonight are still interested in holding a position, so they will still need to reach out to them to see if they still want a position or at least ask them the question. We must have a nominating committee before we have an election, we just don’t get the names and the vote. Asked Mr. Hill if he agreed with what she was saying, and he said “yes”.
- Recognizes there are three people here tonight, so we need to recognize them and accept them as members. The three new members are Sharice Burke, Nichole Hill and LaTricee Hill.

CITY COUNCIL

Lizzie Rodriguez reported the following:

- Passed out a packet of flyers with different events.
- Informed everybody about the California Mortgage Relief Program.
- Informed us how to get affordable internet.
- Informed us about the Holiday events that will be happening:
 1. Holiday Light-up Beanie on December 12, 2023 at The Teen Lab from 4:30-5:30pm.
 2. A Swiftie Birthday celebration on Wednesday December 13, 2023 from 4-5:30pm at the Teen Idea Lab at the Logan Heights Branch.
 3. Winter Wonderland on Monday December 18, 2023 at the Logan Heights Branch Library at 5-7pm.
- In September drove 3 and a half hours around Barrio Logan, Logan Heights and Sherman Heights and took pictures of all the lights that were not working. Wrote a memo to the mayor stating to pay attention to this situation.
- They got back to us and told us that in February by February at the end of the month all the lights should be repaired.
- Keep in mind that Southcrest has not been done or Shell Town but will do it in the next week and go through every street.
- The Transportation Department is responsible for a lot of these things damaged curves, faded curbs, potholes, sidewalk repairs. Will keep us updated with the status of the repairs.
- We are talking to senator Padilla staff to see if we can do a partnership to bring funds to the park and to the Recreation Center, there is no guarantee, but we are

working with park staff to see if it's something possible we can work in the future.

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

None

SOUTHEASTERN LITTLE LEAGUE

None

GUEST

AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday January 9, 2024 at 5:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed by,

Johana Castillo, Assistant Center Director Carlos Rios , Distirict Manager

This information is available in an alternative format upon request.

Please contact Carlos Rios, District Manager at 619-525-8242.