

City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 13th, 2024
7:00pm
Lopez Ridge Recreation Center
7245 Calle Cristobal
San Diego, CA 92126

Attendance

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Frichtel, Joe: Chairperson	X	
Goonan, Greg: Vice chair		X
Hamilton, Fay	X	
Jackson, Craig	X	
Nover, Lillith	X	
Pampo, Fidencio: Treasurer		X
Stevens, Jeff	X	
Youth Organization Members		
Legends San Diego		X
Mira Mesa Girls Softball (Melissa Berry)	X	
Mira Mesa Little League (Dao Nguyen)	X	
Mira Mesa Soccer - AYSO (Robert Hughes)	X	
Mira Mesa Pickleball (Andreas Gillmeier)	X	
Adult Organization Members		
Mira Mesa Town Council	X	
San Diego Cricket Association (Daniel Meredith)	X	
City Staff		
Claudia Apodaca: Area Manager II, MM	X	
Derrick Monroe: Center Director III, GJ	X	
Brian Vaira: Center Director I, LR	X	
Jesse Dawn: Center Director III, HG	X	
Nicole Shaw: Pool Manager III, NBAC	X	
Jermaine Rocacorba: City Council District 6 Representative	X	
Guests		
Kent Lee	X	
Kevin Oliver	X	
Vincent Alvarez	X	
Connie Kraus	X	
Mark Carroll	X	
Anna Sonnenburg	X	

CALL TO ORDER:

- Mr. Frichtel called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: For January 9th, 2024

- The minutes were approved. (Jeff Stevens/Fay Hamilton)

Discussion Item:

101. Councilmember Kent Lee D6– Discussion of Mira Mesa Community Parks

1. Mira Mesa does not have enough park space to meet demand. More recreational space to serve families and youth are needed.
2. Mira Mesa Community Parks Phase 2 project has been waiting for funding since 2005, it's still awaiting confirmation.
 - a. A bid went out last summer, but there were fewer bids than expected. However there have been more responses from contractors recently, there have been requests for an extension for future bids.
 - b. They are hopeful for qualified and competitive bids.
 - c. The deadline currently is March 7th 2024
3. Some current projects that are in the works:
 - a. A new aquatic center with 2 pools.
 - b. Renovations to existing rec centers such as fixing dry rot and wood damage.
 - c. A new park being built by 3Roots
 - d. The completion of Carroll Canyon Road.
 - e. Completion of the Wangenheim field project after several delays.
4. Some questions from the public:
 - a. Someone asked if there's too much priority over basketball and baseball, and not enough priority for sports like badminton, or pickleball.
 - b. Someone also asked why the Wangenheim field has taken so long to be completed, it's delays have caused tournaments to be canceled, leading to loss of revenue.
 - i. Kevin Oliver from Engineering and Capitol projects explains that there were challenges and delays due to 70 days of rain and storm water regulations slowing down progress. A lot of other projects have been impacted such as road repair and the completion of Jonas Salk Park.
 - c. There was a question about if there could be a new performing arts center in Mira Mesa.
 - i. Kent Lee explained that project is unlikely due to a new performing arts center being perceived as being competition for the high school.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Community Recreation Group Board on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board. Limited to items not on the agenda and three minutes.

- Vincent Alvarez informs the council that there are unauthorized Tennis lessons going on at Hourglass.
 - Vincent states that these Tennis coaches are taking up space that the public could use, and they are responding to concerns with bullying and intimidation.
 - Vincent informed Parks and Recreation staff to talk with the coaches, but they told Vincent to inform the police.

- The police couldn't do anything either since there apparently isn't any municipal code that would prevent what the Tennis Coaches are doing.
- Vincent passed out flyers for a website to spread awareness of what the Tennis Coaches are doing.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA:

The Chair may entertain a motion by any Board Member to approve any agenda item as consent when no public comments have been submitted in favor or in opposition to the item. Items approved on consent are approved in accordance with staff's recommendation as reflected on the agenda and described in the Staff Report to Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group, unless otherwise noted in the motion.

- None

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Parks I Area Committee:

- There is no meeting yet.

Mira Mesa Little League:

- The season just started. Multiple teams between the ages of 4-15. Biggest year yet.

Mira Mesa AYSO:

- Spring season started. 220 kids signed up. Between the ages of 5-12.

San Diego Cricket Assoc.:

- Season was supposed to start 2 weeks ago. It was postponed due to the rain. Over 200 kids for youth. More than that for adult leagues. 2 divisions.
- Asked about an update for the pitch about the turf installation at Erickson. They haven't heard any updates.
- There are broken sprinklers at Erickson.
- They request for the field to be cut at least once a week once the rain stops.
- Feb 17th-19th, there will be a girls cricket tournament at Canyonside Park. One of the only all girls cricket tournaments in the west coast. He directs the council to their website at <https://cricclubs.com/sdopen> for more info.

Mira Mesa Girls Softball:

- First practice over the weekend after the rain.
- Thanks to Jesse Dawn for dragging the field, there are some trenches regardless that need to be filled.

Pickleball:

- Trying to find more opportunities for people to play pickleball.
- It's a misconception that it's for old people only.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Discussion of Phase 2

- Originally there was going to be a discussion of installing cameras at Gil Johnson, but that will be done next month.
- The Tet festival is this weekend at Gil Johnson.

- There will be a cluster meeting with the school principals on Feb 20th from 5pm-6pm on zoom.
- Thursday Feb 22nd, there will be a planning meeting.
- March 18th, there will be an update on new park at Three Roots.

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:

- None

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Report: Claudia Apodaca, Mira Mesa Community

- Claudia introduces Jesse Dawn and Derrick Monroe. They have also hired a new Ground Maintenance Supervisor

Center Director Report: Brian Vaira Lopez Ridge Neighborhood Park

- Brian reports that the Guitar and Ukulele class at Lopez are both going well, there have been 16 students enrolled between both classes so far.
- Brian is also working with his staff to clean out all the storm drains since there was a lot of dirt and plants in them when he arrived.

Center Director Report: Derrick Monroe, Mira Mesa Community Park

- Derrick says that he's happy to be here and that the Tet Festival is this weekend.

Center Director Report: Jesse Dawn, Hourglass Field Community Park

- Jesse Reports that the fields have ben wet due to the rain and that their egg hunt event will be on march 29th.

Pool Manager Report: Nicole Shaw Ned Baumer Aquatics Center

- Nicole reports that the pool reopened on Jan 16th. There have been a few repairs, also a new slide was delivered to be installed.
- The pool is open Monday-Friday.
- The girls water polo season has ended.
- Another Hiring hall this month, getting their summer staff ready to go.
- The pool will be closed on April 1st.
- The Swim team will start their season on March 5th.

District Manager Report: Anna Sonnenberg

- Anna is excited for the new team.
- Brian comes from Hilltop, and is bringing his guitar and ukulele class from Hilltop to Lopez.
- Jesse worked with Anna as a rec leader 8 years ago. He's being doing a lot of sports at San Carlos.
- Derrick comes from CP2 in the mountain view community and worked at Encinitas for many years.

Council Representative Kent Lee

- Dumpster day on Saturday March 2nd. Pre-registration is required.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- None.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. none

WORKSHOP:

None

ADJOURNMENT

- Adjourned at 8:46pm. Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th . 2024 at 7:00pm
- Meeting will take place at the Lopez Ridge Recreation Center