

# SOUTHCREST RECREATION CRG

**4149 Newton Avenue  
San Diego Ca. 92113  
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**January 9, 2024**

## **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, Member  
Tony Jasso, Member  
LaTricee Hill, Member  
Nichole Hill, Member  
Sharice Burk, Member  
Cesar Lopez, Member

#### **MEMBERS**

#### **ABSENT**

James Trowsdell

#### **GUESTS**

Perish Rye  
Suizie Anderson  
Ranae Goodrich  
Maria Flores  
Ben Lopez

### **CITY COUNCIL**

Lizzie Rodriguez  
Natalia Rosas

### **SAN DIEGO POLICE**

Officer Omar Luzuriaga

### **STAFF**

Caleb Martin, Area Manager  
Ahtthajiri Bell, Center Director  
Johana Castillo, Assistant Center Director

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Felicia Moses called the meeting to order at 5:38pm

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**MOTION:** None

**AREA MANAGER REPORT**

**Caleb Martin** reported the following:

- Introduced himself as the new Area Manager for Southcrest/ Mt.View/Willie Henderson area.
- Was Center Director at Martin Luther King Jr for five years.

**CENTER DIRECTOR REPORT**

**Ahtthajiri Bell** reported the following:

- September 14<sup>th</sup> had our event Churros with the Grinch, had 350 churros and ran out within the first hour and a half, we bundled it up with our volleyball/flag-football banquet.
- Basketball has started and are looking to have all age divisions Peewee, 10U, 12U, and 14U.
- Building renovations will start soon with polishing floors, cleaning walls and we have put tickets in to fix our windows.
- Weight room will hopefully get renovated.
- MLK Day Parade is January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and registration for organizations are open until January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Vicky Kirkpatrick (Board Member)** reported the following:

- Sent bylaws to everybody.
- CRG was told since we have existing bylaws, we are supposed to use those bylaws.
- We were the Southcrest Recreation Council and recreation council incorporated, so when we did that, it made us a legal entity, we are a public charity, but we also function for the rec council for Southcrest area.
- Things have changed and we are the CRG, we will need to talk about since we incorporated and until we either have to step up to the incorporation and the state has things that are required of us, things that we cannot do or we must dissolve, but that will be up to this body. So, until we do that these by-laws are what we are supposed to go by, but right now we are not in compliance because there are things we are not doing. The by-laws we have are from 2010.
- This community needs to read these by-laws, we need to come together, and we need to try to come up with by-laws that are going to govern our body.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Started the meeting.
- Introduced new guests.
- We do not have updated bylaws because there is a Southcrest governing board incorporated as well as what the park has done in 2017 which made it a CRG group, but we were already operating as an incorporation for Southcrest which make it two identities because of what came in 2017.

### **CITY COUNCIL**

**Lizzie Rodriguez** reported the following:

- Introduced herself.
- Passed out a packet with information for:
  1. Fair Housing Assistance
  2. Having Trouble Paying Your Water Bill
  3. Cal Fresh Food Assistance
  4. In-person Caregiver Support Groups
  5. Teen Guide to Mental Health and Wellness
  6. Helpful Resources and Services for Homeless Youth
  7. Understanding Naturalization
  8. USD Women's Legal Clinic
  9. County of San Diego Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program
  10. Love Your Heart
- Talked to the Deputy Director and other staff from the park and rec department, they do have funding so the lights here at the park and streetlights that are located within the park, they do have funding to change them out to LED. They will let me know when electricians will come out and change lights.
- Working on creating a Capital Improvement Project (CIP), any big projects that you see The City of San Diego do as in putting new lights, fixing the streets any big projects that cost millions of dollars is usually a CIP. So, park and rec are creating a CIP to get new lights for the entire park. A CIP usually takes up to 3 to 6 years.
- This week I will be spending 3 hours just going through Southcrest doing an inventory of all the streetlights that are not working. Also, will be walking during the day in Southcrest neighborhood and do reports of graffiti, illegal dumping and 72-hour vehicles parked in the same spot.
- Current Police Chief will be retiring in the summer, the city is looking to hire somebody new, and they will have community forums and will have one in each district. The one for District 8 is this Saturday from 10am-12pm. District 9 will be on the 16th from 5pm-7pm, looking for input from the community to know what we want.

## **SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Omar Luzuriaga** reported the following:

- Introduced himself.
- December 9<sup>th</sup>, we hosted Winter Wonderland here at Southcrest in which we collaborated with 50 plus organizations, community groups and 60 volunteers were able to give out 3,000 unwrapped toys.
- Attendance was from 3,400 attendees.
- SDPD will have a community meeting to comply with The City of San Diego surveillance ordinance, will be hosting a meeting to talk about technology on Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, will talk about applications we use to keep record checks on housing and cars. Location will be at Anchor Church 1765 Pentecost Way.
- Update on homicide that occurred on Skyline neighborhood which occurred on September 26<sup>th</sup> behind Skyline Park, were able to indicate an investigation and suspect was identified and arrested.
- We want to work with District 8 to have a Gun Buy Back Event to remove firearms off the street, no date yet.

### **Stats:**

- Finished the year with 68 shootings, 4 of them being homicides and 170 firearm recoveries.
- This year in the last 9 days we have had 3 shootings, 1 has been an assault and 2 have been shootings, and 4 firearm recoveries.

## **SOUTHEASTERN LITTLE LEAGUE**

**Omar Lopez** reported the following:

- Going through a building phase.
- Getting ready for opening day and registrations are happening from ages 4-15 depending on if we have teams available as well as coaches.

## **GUEST**

**Perish Rye** reported the following:

- Introduced himself.
- Wants to establish a Park Ranger Program.
- Has been a park ranger for over 20 years.
- Wants to be assistance to SDPD and help our recreation centers.
- This area will be getting another ranger plus a senior ranger.
- The role of a ranger is not to be a police officer or a maintenance worker, we are somewhere in the middle of all that, we evaluate the situation to see if it's something we can handle. Also, the purpose of this program is to supervise guards.

**AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion:** It was Moved/Seconded (V. Kirkpatrick/Latrice Hill) At our next meeting can we look at these outdated by-laws that were written in 2010, can we reach out to other people who may be able to help us, and we can start the process.  
Was Unanimous 9-0-0

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday February 13, 2024 at 5:30pm

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Reviewed by,**

**Johana Castillo, Assistant Center Director      Caleb Martin, Area Manager**

**This information is available in an alternative format upon request.**

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