

City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
COLINA DEL SOL COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP
5319 Orange Ave, SAN DIEGO, CA 92115 – 619-235-1144

MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 20, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

(Meeting was hybrid zoom / in-person)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sidney Michael, Chairperson
Daniele Laman, Vice-Chairperson, CLLL
Lynn Edwards, Rolando Park Comm. Council
Sue Richardson, College Community
Lorna Zukas, El Cerrito Community
Kara Camden, Rolando Community
Terry Hoskins
Sabrina Young, Clay Elementary
Denise Armijo, Rolando Resident
Peaches Turner, Treasurer
Karleen Driggs, Soccer Kids America
Josh Vonck, East County Surf

STAFF

Dave Lee, Area Manager II
Fernando Jumillas OCA RCD
Ashley Soto-Jimenez, Pool Manager
Francisco Peralta, D9
Joshua Cummings, Mid-City CRO
Shannon Scoggins, Landscape Designer P&R

GUESTS

Francisco Campuzano, SDUSD
Karin Angel
Jennifer Martinez, St. Katharine's
Jerrod Tucker, Rolando Resident
Joe Yturrino
Sheila B. Sanchez
Kristy Aragon, Principal, Hardy Elemen.
Christine Young
Erik Anderson
Brian Jenkins
Mary Castleberry
Alexander Orbovich
Samer Naji

ABSENT

Arlette Bianconi, California Soccer
Ramon Aldana, City Heights Soccer
Jose Lopez, Sunshine Little League
Darrell Johnson, East County Surf

CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Approved (Lorna Zukas motion, Terry Hoskins 2nd, 9 ayes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Approved (--- 2nd---) with corrections, 9 ayes

WORKSHOP ITEM Shannon Scoggins from City of SD Park and Recreation presented.

1. Hardy Elementary Joint Use Field GDP Amendment, whole site modernization construction project and upcoming partial closure of JU Field. Presenter, Shannon Scoggins

Whole site modernizations include buildings, parking, everything. May 2025-Dec 2028 full closure, using part of the field for staging. Currently 1.79 acres of JU field (1.5 turf), plus backstop /infield, parking lot. Total JU is 2.63 acres. New layout increases asphalt for parking / drop off, with asphalt walking path. Turf will now be 1.21 acres. Baseball diamond will become a soccer field (120x180 either U10 or U12). Approval process includes P&R Board 2/20/25, will come back to CRG 1/15/25 for recommendation to P&R. Chollas Little League uses baseball for practice, limited due to size per Dave. SDSU uses it for campouts and soccer. Little League will be able to field until late May 2025. It was noted that SDUSD chose not to replace the backstops. Basketball and play areas will be locked after hours, concerns about public not having access; P&R to discuss internally. Equipment was only de facto public due to inability to close off per Shannon. Was not counted in MP inventory for park space. School space per agreement/code provides recreation exclusively for students during curriculum. It was noted that since more schools are closing off de facto areas we need more dog parks, etc. Guest commented that after hours people allow dogs off leash and school / parents who raise funds and pay for b-ball hoops and replacements have to pick up dog waste, plus safety concerns with dog interactions. A lot of users are SDSU students, not invested in community. City

looking in to additional signage and enforcement, possibly closing the area if there are too many infractions. Humane Society works on data, people should report sdhumane.org Shannon is joint use coordinator for all JU sites. Concern was voiced that it doesn't work to be punitive, outreach and a cultural shift are needed.

2. Pendleton Elementary Joint Use Facility Solar Panel construction project and upcoming partial closure of JU Field. Presenter, Shannon Scoggins Partial closure Mar 2025 – Dec 2025. Panels will be elevated on north end of field east of bleachers. 14'-16' for panel height, no fencing between field and panels which are designed to handle some ball hits. It was noted that cricket balls are harder. New perimeter DG walking path to be added along east edge and north edge of field. As panels are considered shade structures an ADA path is required with a designated spot for wheelchairs. The overall park renovation project still needs another community meeting and attendees requested that the city work with the whole site designers to ensure projects align. It was question whether the panels could be placed in the staff parking area across the street; Shannon to check. Yellow area on graphic surrounding panels will become mulched area as it is not a recreational turf area. Plans still preliminary and City was not planning to go to P&R as this is not a significant change (not GDP or another trigger) but can come back to CRG. Concern was voiced about students crossing construction access / area.
3. Harriet Tubman Village Charter School whole site modernization construction project and upcoming partial closure of JU Field. Presenter, Shannon Scoggins Partial closure Dec 2025 – Spring 2028. Very preliminary now. Small site will need to use a portion of new field for staging.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Renaming of the Clay Neighborhood Park – Sabrina Young The group has a written package with proposal as read at the previous CRG meeting, along with letters of support, including College Area Community, El Cerrito CC, EACPC, Doug Lister (Pres of RCC) [RCC had survey on website], Councilmember Elo-Rivera, Epsilon Si Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Pearls Foundation; and a petition with 1249 signatures. They have attended various community meetings past 6 weeks. This is following successful renaming of the school. Daniele made a motion for a letter of support to rename to Dr. Bertha O. Pendleton Park, Sue Richardson 2nd. 9 Ayes. Next step will be to go to Park Board in January. Packet will go to Dave Lee. Denise to write a letter of support.
2. Approval of the nominating slate for CRG 2025 officers Teri Hoskins motioned to approve the following slate with 2nd by Kara and 9 ayes.
 - a. Chair – Sue Richardson
 - b. Vice – Lorna Zuka
 - c. Secretary – Denise Armijo
 - d. Treasurer – Peaches Turner
3. Approval of the FY25 RCF budget
Get funds through adult programs or youth tournaments (commercial) or clinics. Submit to committee based on past. Bring up if there are ideas for other programs desired. (Flag football, cheerleading, etc.) City now controls with dedicated account for CRG. Affected by closures such as Clay field solar project. Got \$5,000 from Price Charity but hasn't come in yet. Not a lot of community parks with lit fields in our rec area. Need more marketing, social media. Some residents do not know about programs. Vietnamese, Spanish, other languages. Daniele, should have separate budget for pool since aquatics bring in revenue. Movies in park \$1K per event (actually closer to \$1.5K). If community partners with CRG / City, City will prepare banners, etc. Sue moves to approve, Lorna 2nd. 9 Ayes

PUBLIC COMMENT – (Limited to 2 minutes non debatable)

- Jennifer Martinez informed the group that St. Katharine Drexel Academy (K-8) will be closing after 20 years due to low enrollment and higher and pleaded for support and to spread the word to try to keep open. Need to enroll 30 new kids to keep the school open. The school will have an event on 12/15 3-7 PM. Website is skda-sd.org A flier and QR code can be found online. Tuition assistance is offered, and the school is inclusive, community based. Daniele suggested going to nearby catholic schools to announce on bulletins.
- An event for the Crawford graduates of the pool program was announced.
- The 501C3 status was discussed and noted that follow up was needed.
- It was noted that the city gym at City Heights rec center has badminton courts.

- Donation of lights for Colina tennis courts was mentioned.
- It was noted that In-n-Out Burger is looking to move in at the old Rite Aid location near Pendleton Elementary with traffic to be routed in from Seminole.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Council District 9 – Angel Garibay Franciso Peralta
 - a. Initiative to prevent rent price fixing using algorithms. City council to hear item. One of the few cities nationwide taking on issue.
 - b. Tri-Services workshop Monday 12/2 5:30 – 730 PM– trash services Rolando college library looking for what services are desired (cleangreensd.org)
 - c. Event took place today (11/20) for new soccer club in town, 60–80 volunteers did brush clearing, trash pick-up, wall painting.
 - d. University Ave construction – 46th to Menlo will be closed for sidewalk / roundabout, re-routed to El Cajon – Euclid – back to University. Another closure early January. Completion March 2025. Had issue with underground utilities that weren't on record drawings. Electricians will fix broken lights in January that Francisco identified.
 - e. Met with City Heights Community Center / stakeholders to address issues with bad activity next to senior living apartment.
 - f. Gem Coffee clean up this weekend, doing monthly community clean ups this past year, started at 9 now up to 60 volunteers.
 - g. State Assembly Weber 10 am – 2 pm turkey giveaway announced.
 - h. Meeting to be held 11/21 in Kensington (at Hoover) to discuss evacuation issues from Halloween fire.
2. SDPD Community Relations Officer – Joshua Cummings
 - a. Has new Lt (Radkey) who will come to next meeting.
 - b. Brush abatement is a hot topic.
 - c. Homeless still biggest concern, esp. at Wightman Park. Removed encampment nearby.
 - d. Will be attending event at Hoover CIMU (critical incident management unit). Not clear if area that caught fire was City or private Talmadge apartments. It was noted that SDSU was operating separately, not in sync with efforts to deter students / traffic from area. Talmadge may have a separate exclusive meeting.
 - e. An attendee brought up an issue with car vandalism parking in ADA space just outside the rec center.
3. Area Manager – Dave Lee
 - a. Pickleball P.O. processed and approved, need to schedule work for permanent court (nets, resurfacing)
 - b. Lighting – rec centers are low priority for City, trying to go to outside vendors, but running into union red tape (need letter from Transportation saying they can't do it). Ace Electrical is the vendor.
 - c. Soccer Club Brush management event successful, helps visibility too.
 - d. Clay / Pendleton Park – ongoing irrigation issues. Line breaks, booster pump went out, under repair. It was noted that the trash can doesn't get dumped, and there is graffiti.
 - e. Montezuma Park – New maintenance super (McGill), looks great.
 - f. Rolando Park Elem – irrigation issues, arborist needs to go out for work on student trees.
 - g. North Chollas got new backstop, gopher treatment.
 - h. Sunshine was going to come to meeting, will be here in January had to sort out design issues affecting operation.
 - i. Chollas Lake Little League – back fencing area in progress, poles up. Need to re-install wind screens.
 - j. Oak Park removed some circular trash cans, people tipping and rolling. Will replace with square ones.
 - k. Mann – addt'l trash receptacles to be added.
 - l. Charles Lewis – just removed 1.6 acres of brush.
 - m. Wightman – homelessness, graffiti. Revitalization project under way. New surveillance cameras. SDPD to increase presence.
4. OCA Recreation Center Director – Fernando Jumillas
 - a. Wrapping up fall flag season, undefeated. Winter programs under way. Camp next week.
5. Pool Manager – Ashley Soto Jimenez
 - a. Crawford 8–9 kids have learned all 4 strokes. 10–12 other participants in process. About 6 lessons left. M Th F

- b. Jr lifeguard last day of training will be 12/17. Members requested info about graduation ceremony.
- c. Swimming lessons at Colina starting next month.
- d. Open on Christmas and New Year's eves for special events. Will have an inflatable for kids with life jackets for those who are not strong swimmers.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1. ~~Clay Park Improvement Sub-Committee~~

This item will be struck from future agendas as the sub-committee is not active.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

501C3 status: Sydney and Peaches getting runaround from franchise tax board. Said taxes were \$1,219. Called IRS for EIN number but Peaches's name is not on the account so could not access. Staff to research. New Board members need to go to bank to get on account. Sydney to coordinate.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - none

COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 1. Chollas Little League Last game is this Sunday, got quote from Ag-Pest to tent snack bar late Dec / early Jan. Will also be servicing septic tank (usually about every 3 years. Getting registrations for next season.
 - 2. East County Surf – no report
 - 3. California Soccer – no report
 - 4. City Heights Soccer – no report
 - 5. Soccer Kids America – no report
- Sunshine Little League to be added to future agendas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting for the Colina Del Sol Parks & Recreation Group will be held on January 15, 2025. This information will be made available in an alternative format upon request. To request an agenda in an alternative format or request a sign language or an oral interpreter, please call OCA Recreation Center Director III, Fernando Jumillas at 619-235-1144.