

**City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department  
 Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group  
 November 14, 2024, at 6:00pm  
 Minutes**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group was held at Montgomery Waller Recreation Center at 3737 Arey Drive, San Diego, CA 92154

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Dotty Giffen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Members Present (5)</b>	<b>Members Absent (1)</b>	<b>Staff Present (6)</b>	<b>Guest (4)</b>
Dotty Giffen President		German Fimbres	Steven Dawid
Mike Grzenia Vice President		CJ Saldana	Rosa Macias Gonzalez
Sherry Gonzalez	Alex Gutierrez Secretary	Jay Villanueva	Desiree Rivera
Maria Carranza		Carlos Edington	Marco Espinosa
Angelina Bravo		Victory Caymaris	
		Liliana Barba	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October Minutes were approved at this meeting. (4-0-0)

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None.

**FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP**

None.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT**

Carlos Edington reported the following:

- SDPD will be at Heart for the City event hosted by Victory Outreach Church at Montgomery Waller Saturday November 16, 10am-3pm. Live music, free groceries, free haircuts, and other give aways.

- Gun buy back event on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Chula Vista courthouse from 9am-2pm. Event will be drive through style. \$100 gift card for firearm and \$200 for shotgun/rifle.
- SDPD will be attending Snow Day at Montgomery Waller.

### **COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORTS**

Victor Caymaris reported the following:

- Funding opportunities for Art Programs.
- ESD having an open house event at San Ysidro Library on November 26th to discuss the implementation of Measure B.
- Otay Mesa-Nestor Community dumpster drop off event is Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at Montgomery Waller south parking lot.
- Turkey distribution event at Berry Elementary on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **80<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT REPORTS**

Liliana Barba reported the following:

- Holiday Posada hosted by 80<sup>th</sup> District at Chula Vista Civic Center Library on December 13.
- College Resource Fair January 25<sup>th</sup> at Southwest Highschool. Representatives from various colleges and universities will be in attendance. In addition, FAFSA assistance will be available.

### **HISTORICAL TOPICS**

None.

### **REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES**

None.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Resident Marco grew up in neighborhood before leaving for the service. Has returned to neighborhood and would like to be involved.

Resident Steven announced the Chula Vista library will be having a book sale on December 6-8.

### **RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS**

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- Halloween events at all three parks were very well done and had good attendance.
- Lights at Silver Wing are fixed and make a big difference.
- Looking forward to Thanksgiving events.

Vice President Mike Grzenia

- Really appreciated everyone responding to emails regarding Thanksgiving potluck.

### **COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE**

None.

### **OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK**

None.

## **ATHLETIC REPORTS**

None.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Area Manager, German Fimbres reported the following:

- Silver Wing turf went through dethatching process.
- Lights at Silver Wing are dialed in. Security lights, basketball lights, and parking lot lights are all on different timers.
- With assistance from Victor, Palm Ridge has seen a reduction in graffiti incidents.
- Riviera Del Sol grand opening was on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Presented final FY 2025 RCF and Opportunity Fund budget.

Center Director III, CJ Saldana reported the following:

- Renovation of gym is almost complete.
- Snow Day is December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank the councilmember for attending Halloween event.
- Toys 4 Tots distribution on December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Presented RCF and Opportunity Fund budgets.
- Andy Field visited the Montgomery Waller in the evening and noticed the park needs lighting.

Area Manager, Jay Villanueva

- Electronic goods drop off by ESD at Montgomery Waller went well.
- 1<sup>st</sup> week of January, Montgomery Waller will be a compost pick up site.
- Sunnyslope has been approved for a fence along Elm Ave. Vehicles have been driving on turf.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Adoption of 2025 board member voting results.

President: Dotty Giffen (5-0)

Vice President: Mike Grzenia (5-0)

Secretary: Alex Gutierrez (5-0)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- MWRC Toys 4 Tots, December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- MWRC Snow Day, December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- SWRC Turkey Trot – November 21<sup>st</sup>
- SWRC Toys 4 Tots – December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING  
January 9, 2025, at 7:00pm  
Silver Wing Recreation Center  
3737 Arey Dr. San Diego, Ca 92154  
(619) 424-0466

Submitted by,

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OCA Center Director II

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German Fimbres  
Area Manager II

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Dotty Giffen  
President

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