

City of San Diego  
MINUTES PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
BALBOA PARK/MORLEY FIELD RECREATION COMMUNITY GROUP

2145 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA 92101

Wednesday, Nov 6, 2024

6:00 pm

**Attendance**

**Board Members:** Patty Riddle – Chairperson  
Chem Young-Pen – Vice Chair  
Secretary – Vacant

**Organization Members:**

Balboa Park Committee– Vacant  
North Park Little League – Mark Hopkins  
SD Table Tennis Association – Behnam Kazemi **Absent**  
SD Badminton Club – Joe Young  
Open Play Badminton – Patty Riddle  
SD Track Club – Jamie Fryrear **Absent**  
The Thursday Club Foundation -Chris Khouri  
Balboa Park Pétanque- Troy Alport  
Soccer Kids America- Karleen Driggs  
North Park AYSO-Niles Armstrong  
Balboa Tennis Club – Colleen Ferrell  
FC Balboa – Chemm Young-Penn

**City Staff:**

Luis Ignacio - Recreation Center Director III, Balboa Park Activity Center  
Adriana Magdaleno - Recreation Center Director III OCA, Municipal Gym  
and Morley Field Sports Complex  
Patricia Ress- Assistant Recreation Center Director OCA, Balboa Park Activity Center  
Victor Johnson, II – Balboa Park Recreation & Facilities Area Manager II  
Anthony Harrington- Balboa Park Recreation and Facilities District Manager

**Call to Order:**

Patty Riddle (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** It was moved/seconded (P. Riddle / J. Young) to approve minutes from August 7, 2024, meeting. Motion carried 7/0/0.

**FINANCIAL REPORT Note:** Budget to Actuals report is available at <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-andrecreation/general-info/reccouncilresources>

**Request for Continuances:** None

**Communication:** None

**Chairperson's Report:** P. Riddle wanted to make sure that everyone has been receiving her emails. She wants to make the meetings as transparent and open as possible and emphasized how important it is to have access to meeting minutes and agendas.

**Organization Reports:**

**Balboa Park Committee:** No Report

**North Park Little League:** M. Hopkins reported that Little League practices start in late January and games begin in March. The Board of Directors are currently working on the new schedule.

**SD Table Tennis Association:** No Report

**SD Badminton Club:** J. Young reported their next event is the Dave Freeman Tournament in April.

**Open Play Badminton Club:** P. Riddle reported that they went to City Council to request that BPAC (Balboa Park Activity Center) not be used for any future homeless shelters.

**SD Pétanque:** T. Allport reported the south field resurfacing project is done and said volunteers cleared out the drainage ditch for the winter rains. They are working on another project list. The annual tournament in October was a huge success. T. Allport thanked Audrey for her help with tables and chairs and thanked SD Park crews for working on rear slope erosion control. The unhoused person on the bench has finally been evicted.

**Soccer Kids America:** K. Driggs reported that their season ended on Nov. 22nd and the new season starts on Jan. 10th. They are looking for an indoor space for futsal to use on Saturdays.

**NP AYSO:** N. Armstrong reported the last day of season is Saturday. The end of season in-house tournament to honor a deceased volunteer and other volunteers is on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be using the fields until Dec. 16th. Some teams will play post season in December and possibly until February. N. Armstrong thanked Audrey for quickly sending crews to resolve standing water and field light issues.

**FC Balboa:** C. Young Penn reported that teams are near the end of league and will continue training. UPSL team is done with league but will also continue training.

**Balboa Tennis Club:** A. Gusterine is filled in for C. Ferrell. There is a significant increase in graffiti. He brought a book created by C. Ferrell with pictures of all the graffiti.

## **Park and Recreation Facilities Reports:**

**Bud Kearns Memorial Pool:** No Report

**Balboa Park Activity Center:** L. Ignacio reported that BPAC will have their quarterly Team Badminton Night this Saturday. Citywide Volleyball is on 1st Wednesday in December and there will be no open play volleyball. Upcoming BPAC closures include December 6th and 7th for Dec Nights and the last week of December for annual floor resurfacing. The Martin Luther King All Peoples Breakfast will be on Martin Luther King Day.

**Municipal Gym/Morley Field:** A. Magdaleno reported their fall classes, Peewee Basketball and Basketball Fundamentals for ages 8-12 are done. Class attendance had to be capped at 20 kids due to staff shortages. Q and Raymond did a great job. Fleet Science Center, Comic-Con Museum, and the Automotive Museum all participated at their Halloween event on the 10/26. A Magdaleno thanked Oscar for helping on the microphone during the event. Winter registration begins on Nov. 16th for the Dec-Mar basketball season. They plan to have a 12 and under, 10 and under, and a peewee team. Upcoming Muni closures for December Nights is Wednesday-Sunday, 12/7-12/9 and for their floor refinishing from 12/19/24 to 1/2/25. Morley Field baseball/softball fields will be closed from.

**Area Manager Report:** V. Johnson, II, reported that the park is getting ready for December Nights. The Botanical Building will be showcased during December Nights but staff may be able to tour it before then. He reminded everyone about parking and traffic issues during December Nights. V. Johnson, II asked if anyone had any questions or comments.

N. Armstrong commented that NP AYSO made a \$7,500 donation to the City for Morley Field lights. 11 to 24 working lights and 25 lights are still needed.

P. Riddle commented that the BP Foundation may be able to offset some of that money.

C. Khouri commented that the Thursday Club Rummage Sale makes \$150,000 and 50% goes to the Parks and Recreation. C. Khouri said to look at their grant applications on their website.

### **Action Items:**

**Consent** (Items are adopted without discussion)

1. BPAC change to Friday hours of operation.  
L. Ignacio reported that they are considering changing BPAC hours on Fridays (current hours are 11am-6:30pm) to 12pm-7:30pm due to low attendance.

### **Action Items:**

**Adoption** (Each item requires individual action)

1. Approval of Budget FY 2025/2026  
**Motion:** It was moved/seconded (C. Young-Penn/M. Hopkins) to approve the Budget FY 2025/2026. Motion carried 9/0/0.
2. Elect a BPAC / Muni/Morley Field Representative for Balboa Park Committee (BPC).  
**Motion:** It was moved/seconded (C. Young-Penn/M. Hopkins) to elect Patty Riddle as representative for BPC. Motion carried 9/0/0.

**Workshop Items:**

1. Morley Field Enhancements Field of Dreams) – Nathan White, Agess, Inc.  
Nathan White, Agess had a 17-minute slide presentation showing how additional athletic fields could be built at Morley Field / Pershing City yard in a new sports complex.
2. Morley Field Gopher Conditions-Niles Armstrong, North Park AYSO  
N. Armstrong showed a slide presentation highlighting all the field damages caused by the gophers. This is the worst he has seen the fields in 8 years and it is a huge safety issue.

**Information Items/Announcements:**

1. City of San Diego “Get it Done” Application for graffiti V. Johnson II reported information about the Get it Done app regarding entering ticket #'s to check on ticket status. Pictures need to be submitted with tickets.
2. RCF “Informal” Donation Form. V. Johnson reported that an unofficial form was created to help gather information regarding any donations.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Motion:** It was moved / seconded (K. Driggs/ J. Young) to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 9/0/0 (Unanimously).

**Submitted By:** Luis Ignacio, Center Director III

**Approved By:** Anthony Harrington, District Manager

**Next Regular Meeting:**           **Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Balboa Park Activity Center  
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