

**City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department
Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group
April 10, 2025, at 7:00pm
Minutes**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group was held at Silver Wing Recreation Center at 3737 Arey Dr., San Diego, CA 92154

CALL TO ORDER

President Dotty Giffen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (5)	Members Absent (1)	Staff Present (7)	Guest (5)
Dotty Giffen President	Alex Gutierrez	German Fimbres	Steven Dawid
Mike Grzenia Vice President		Jay Villanueva	Erlinda Porras
Sherri Gonzalez		Arleen Shinder	David Porras
Maria Carranza		Victor Caymaris	Desiree Rivera
Angelina Bravo		Liliana Barba	Steve Egger
		Carlos Edington	Alexis Gonzalez
			Eluid Campos
			Rosa Maria Gonzalez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 2025 Minutes tabled for May meeting. Not enough voting members in attendance.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP

None.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

Officer Carlos reported the following:

- On April 12 will attend Mega Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Victory Outreach at Montgomery Waller Palm Ave. side.

- Has been checking on the local rec centers while on patrol. Pulled over speeding car on Arey Dr. on March 18th.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORTS

Victor Caymaris reported the following:

- Monday April 14 will have Council will have meeting on the implantation of Measure B. Will be voting on the upper limit of the trash collection fee.
- Wish list for CCPS funding is due. Due to budget issues, CCPS funding will not be available for FY2026.
- Dumpster drop off event scheduled may be canceled for this month.

80th DISTRICT REPORTS

Liliana Barba reported the following:

- Assembly member requested update from the California State Parks department regarding access project to Border Field State Park. Park has been closed since 2023 due to flooding and other issues.
- State Parks will have a public meeting will be held April 17 at Tijuana Estuary Training Center
- AB76 regarding housing in the Chula Vista University Innovation District moving along in State Assembly.

HISTORICAL TOPICS

None.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Resident Alexis Gonzalez:

Seeking support for invasive weed removal projects on hill side of Montgomery Waller on Beyer Ave. The weeds are removed mechanically every annually for fire protection. However, many native species are removed. Volunteer based effort to manage the hill side that will keep fire safety and sustain local species. Removal of invasive weeds in spring before they dry up is key.

Area Manager Jay exchanged information with Alexis to continue discussion.

South Bay CRG member Steve Egger:

Distributed flyer to submit complaints regarding the Tijuana River Valley odor. Every complaint is recorded as a data point on a map that is viewed by the county.

RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- Lots of wildlife in the mornings at Silver Wing.
- Looking forward to Spring egg hunt events.

Vice President Mike Grzenia

- New trees at Montgomery Waller are filling out nicely. Park is looking good over all.

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE

None.

OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

None.

ATHLETIC REPORTS

Eluid Campos of Nido Aguila:

Thanked Parks and Recreation for supporting the club for many years. Inviting the community on April 26 to a community event hosted by Nido Aguila at Montgomery Waller. Music, games, lucha libre, raffles and more.

STAFF REPORTS

Area Manager, German Fimbres reported the following:

- Silver Wing Egg Hunt April 18th 2pm-4pm
- Mayor's initial budget proposal will be released on April 21.
- Parks and Recreation has increased rental 20%.

Center Director, CJ Saldana reported the following:

- UCSD Medical Fair on April 12
- Local church will be hosting a free egg hunt on April 12
- Montgomery Waller Egg Hunt April 19
- Will be hosting youth volleyball and pee wee soccer during spring season.

Assistant Center Director, Arleen Shinder reported the following:

- Day of the Child event Sunday April 27
- Looking for vendors for Day of Child. \$50 for vendor booth.
- Looking for volunteers for egg hunt and Day of Child.

Area Manager, Jay Villanueva

- I Love a Clean San Diego will have a volunteer clean up event at Montgomery Waller April 26.
- Will be focusing on spreading mulch that day.
- Urban Forestry planted several trees along the park.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

None

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- MWRC Día del Niño – April 27
- MWRC Spring Egg Hunt – April 19
- SWRC Spring Egg Hunt April 18
- SWRC Spring Egg Hunt at Cesar Solis April 11

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

May 8th, 2025, at 7:00pm

Montgomery Waller Recreation Center

3020 Coronado Ave. San Diego, Ca 92154

(619) 424-0465

Submitted by,

Reviewed by

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Vacant
Center Director

German Fimbres
Area Manager II

Dotty Giffen
President

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