

MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARADISE HILLS/PENN COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP
Bay Terraces Community & Senior Center
7445 Tooma Street, San Diego, CA 92139
(619) 527-7632

Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:	City Staff:
Don Houston, Chairperson Sal Morales, AYSO John Mooney, Vice Chairperson Muriel King, Bay Terraces Native Garden	Ron Agustin, Area Manager Mariah Cote, Center Director III Paradise Hills Kemii Soundara, Center Director I Bay Terraces Langston Grant, OCA Penn Athletic Field Dominic Marostica, Skyline Hills Library, <i>Absent</i> Chris Jones, San Diego Police Officer <i>Absent</i> Anna Phounsavath, Council District 4 Rep. Shannon Scoggins, City Landscape Designer Robin Todd, State Representative
MEMBERS ABSENT:	COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS:
Guy Preuss, Member Wayne English, Member Dolores Hawkins Eddie Enriquez Margert Glenn Pureza Ransome Joy Vicente Aida Mooney	Jim Holloway Justin Atkins Joseph Mckellep Bill Wiltse Fredy A. Juliana Y. Carson Bartley Bryce Bartley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by chairperson Don Houston.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Don Houston reported corrections needed to be made for the attendance: Officer Jones was not at the meeting. MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Morales/Mooney) to approve March 2025 minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously [3|0|0].

COMMUNICATIONS *(limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to five (5) minutes and is not debatable).* Requested by Jim Holloway to add an action item: Support unleash dog activities on Zamorano joint use field. MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Morales/Mooney) to add action item: CRG support to allow off-leash dog activities on Zamorano joint-use site field. Motion carried unanimously [3|0|0].

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT—Chairperson Don Houston reported on the Jamacha-Lomita Storm Drain project with more updates to come.

ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Paradise Hills/Skyline Planning Committee** – Don Houston reported that there was an election at the last meeting and eight(8) new members have been added to the committee.
2. **AYSO**—Sal Morales reported that spring season has started and will be recruiting at the Bay Terraces/Penn Athletic Spring Event on April 5, 2025.
3. **Paradise Gardeners** – No report.
4. **Bay Terraces Pollinator Garden** – Muriel King reported that student volunteers came out and planted about seven(7) different native plants. Students are expected to come back on April 28th to spread mulch.
5. **Council District 4** – Anna Phounsavath reported on office hours Fridays at the southeast division office. She encourages all concerns regarding city maintenance or enhancements to go through Get It Done application. They are starting the project for Jamacha-Lomita Storm Drain.
6. **State Assembly** – Robin Rodd reported that there has been a lot going on in the back end for the State Assembly team. The team has been working on various projects to assist single mothers and foster children find housing and shelter. They have been working on projects to support single mothers in domestic abuse situations. Many more projects to come.

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS

1. **Paradise Hills and Skyline Hills Area**—Ron Agustin reported:
 - Denisse Figueroa is the new permanent supervisor at Penn Athletic Field.
 - All field lights at Penn Athletic Field were recently upgraded to LED lights.
 - Maintenance team is still down one maintenance worker and the Ground Maintenance Supervisor, Alma Avila, is still assigned to the MLK/Encanto area.
 - The Paradise Hills Native Garden walkway and rope barrier project will start once the weather permits.
2. **Paradise Hills Recreation Center**— Mariah Cote reported:
 - Bunny Hop & Go event is on April 12th with sponsorship from San Diego's Park Foundation.
 - 10s and 12s won Citywide basketball tournament.
 - Volleyball season is in full swing, and they have 10 teams across various age divisions.
3. **Penn Athletic Field**— Langston Grant reported:
 - Penn is teaming up with Bay Terraces for the spring egg hunt event that is also sponsored by the San Diego's Park Foundation. The event is on April 5th at Penn Athletic Field from 9am to 1pm.
4. **Bay Terraces Community & Senior Center** – Kemii Soundara reported:
 - Great turnout with the senior field trip to the Japanese Friendship Garden with a total of 30 participants.
 - The next field trip is the Carlsbad Flower Field on April 25th.

ACTION ITEMS

- 201. CRG Support for off-leash dog activities on Zamorano joint-use field.
Jim Halloway expressed the need for the community to have a field for off-leash dog activities. Zamorano is an ideal space since the school only uses it twice a year and the fence keeps dogs away from the general public.
Shannon Scoggins stated that Zamorano is School District property. Per joint-use agreement, when school is out of session, the field is open to public but does not allow for off-leash dog activities. The municipal code prohibits off-leash dogs in any

area not dedicated as an off-leash dog area. Paradise Hills Park is the off-leash dog area in this community. The joint-use turf area would not be feasible but the undeveloped area north of the turf could be a possibility; however, the process begins with District approval. The only precedent is the ED Center Dog Park, which is a license fee paid by the City. (Action Item Tabled)

INFORMATION ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Shannon Scoggins provided an update on the Paradise Hills Hiking Trail. She explained the mitigating circumstances that dictated the hiking path. The PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Don Houston adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular Paradise Hills/Penn Community Recreation Group meeting will be held at Bay Terraces Community & Senior Center at 7445 Tooma Street, San Diego, 92139, on May 1, 2025.

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Submitted by:
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Reviewed by:
Ron Agustin, Area Manager II