

**City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department
Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group
May 8, 2025, at 7:00pm
Minutes**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group was held at Montgomery Waller Recreation Center at 3020 Coronado Ave., San Diego, CA 92154

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (3)	Members Absent (3)	Staff Present (6)	Guest (5)
Dotty Giffen President	Alex Gutierrez	German Fimbres	Steven Dawid
Mike Grzenia Vice President	Maria Carranza	Jay Villanueva	Erlinda Porras
Sherri Gonzalez	Angelina Bravo	Arleen Shinder	David Porras
		Victor Caymaris	Mario Espinosa
		Liliana Barba	Manny Munoz
		Carlos Edington	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 2025 and April 2025 Minutes tabled for June meeting. Not enough voting members in attendance.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP

None.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

Officer Carlos reported the following:

- An unrelated domestic violence call led to an individual pleading guilty to 18 charges of graffiti. Officer Carlos used graffiti tracker to match graffiti gathered in domestic violence case.
- 19.5% reduction in motor vehicle theft has been recorded. Attributes the decrease to traffic signal cameras that alert PD when photo of stolen vehicle license plate is captured.
- Received data on call times for non-emergency call of 120 seconds and emergency call wait time of 7 seconds. The time of day in which that call is made can impact the officer response time.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORTS

Victor Caymaris reported the following:

- Inviting residents to attend public input budget meeting on Monday, May 19th.
- Councilmember Moreno is strongly against proposed cuts to libraries and Parks and Rec.
- Dumpster drop off date change due to EdCo not having dumpsters available. New date May 24.

80th DISTRICT REPORTS

Liliana Barba reported the following:

- Assemblymember has 3 bills passing through to 2-year bills. 1 bill was passed early today in floor session.
- Will continue to provide updates on progress of bills.

HISTORICAL TOPICS

None.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Resident Manny Munoz concerned with City fees for trash removal. Feels the City is not being honest with process of the fee. Feels the City is taking it out on citizens for misappropriating funds and passing on to hard working citizens. Wants to be able to express his concerns and be heard for himself and neighbors.

RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- Attended spring egg hunts at Silver Wing, Cesar Solis, and Montgomery Waller
- UCSD Health Fair at Montgomery Waller keeps growing every year.
- Day of the Child went well. The event was well organized.

Sherry Gonzalez reported the following:

- Trees that have been planted around parks by Ready, Set, Grow program look great.

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE

None.

OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

None.

ATHLETIC REPORTS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Area Manager, German Fimbres reported the following:

- Palm Ridge playground sand was rototilled and had vegetation removed.
- I Love a Clean San Diego will have a volunteer clean up event on June 14th 9am to 11am.
- Silver Wing will be hosting Parks after Darks again from June 14-July 26th.

Center Director, CJ Saldana reported the following:

- April is busy with events, egg hunts, day of the child, UCSD health fair.
- Hosting volleyball games at Montgomery Waller.
- 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

- New 4' fence installed at Sunnyslope Neighborhood Park. Installed to prevent vehicles from driving on turf.
- Many trees installed at Montgomery Waller through Ready, Set, Grow program.
- I Love a Clean San Diego event was a success. Spread 180 yards of mulch around the park.
- Funds were secured from an anonymous donor to laser level additional ball fields at Montgomery Waller.

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 7:39pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 2025, at 7:00pm
Silver Wing Recreation Center
3737 Arey Dr. San Diego, Ca 92154
(619) 424-0465

Submitted by,

Reviewed by

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Robert Lara
Center Director

German Fimbres
Area Manager II

Dotty Giffen
President

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