

City of San Diego  
MINUTES PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
BALBOA PARK/MORLEY FIELD RECREATION COMMUNITY GROUP  
2145 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA 92101  
Wednesday May 7, 2025  
6:00 pm

**Attendance**

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

**Organization Members:**

Balboa Park Committee – Patty Riddle  
North Park Little League – Mark Hopkins  
SD Table Tennis Association – Steve McGrew-**Absent**  
SD Badminton Club – Patty Riddle  
SD Track Club – Jamie Fryrear-**Absent**  
The Thursday Club – Chris Kouri  
Balboa Park Petanque – Arturo Santamaria  
Soccer Kids America – Karleen Driggs  
North Park AYSO – Niles Armstrong  
Balboa Tennis Club – Colleen Ferrell  
FC Balboa – Chem Young-Penn

**City Staff:**

Lane Harris Pool Manager III-**Absent**  
Rosalinda Nguyen Assist. Recreation Center Director, Balboa Park Activity Center  
Luis Ignacio Recreation Center Director III, Balboa Park Activity Center  
**Vacant** Assist. Recreation Center Director, Municipal Gym / Morley Field  
Sports Complex  
Adriana Magdaleno Recreation Center Director III, Municipal Gym / Morley Field  
Sports Complex  
Victor Johnson Area Manager, Balboa Park Recreation & Facilities  
Anthony Harrington District Manager, Balboa Park Recreation & Facilities-**Absent**

**Call to Order:**

Patty Riddle (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: It was moved/Seconded (M. Hopkins/N. Armstrong) to approve minutes from February 5, 2025, meeting. Motion carried 7/0/0

**Financial Report Note:** Budget to Actuals report is available at <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/reccouncilresources>

**Request for Continuances:** None

**Communications:** None

**Chairperson's Report:** P. Riddle had a question regarding City Council policy on Recreation Councils needing a Special Use Permit. V. Johnson responded that Rec Councils do not need a Special Use Permit and neither do CRG's, but he will look further into it. P. Riddle reported that City Budget is requesting a 20% cut of all departments including Parks & Rec possibly eliminating positions. For people who use the playing fields that could mean the grass won't be cut as often. V. Johnson says that as far as a reduction in services, that is going to happen across the board. That includes a reduction in hours of operation and maintenance. P. Riddle also requested sports schedules and calendars from CRG members. P. Riddle also reported that the 2028 Olympic Games will be in Los Angeles. P. Riddle also reported on the donation process and what happens when a donation is made and what you should receive after donation was made.

**Organization Reports:**

**Balboa Park Committee:** Vacant

**North Park Little League:** M. Hopkins reports that North Park Little League has the sports complex until June 30<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday in the afternoons and on Saturdays during the permitted times. They have over 500 kids playing in their league. Regular season is in full swing followed by the tournament of champions at the end of the regular season and ending with All-Stars. M. Hopkins also stated that not only does Little League use that field but Soccer, kickball leagues and the general public all use the fields. So it is important that the field gets mowed weekly. It helps to identify obstacles that cause injuries. M. Hopkins also stated that the staff that work on the fields are doing a great job considering how much the fields are used.

**SD Table Tennis Association:** Absent

**SD Badminton Club:** P. Riddle stated that Table Tennis agreed to buy a digital clock, the same one that the Badminton Club purchased for their side of the gym and appreciates that the City was able to have them put up before the Junior Badminton tournament. P. Riddle reported that the Dave Freeman Jr. Tournament was April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The Yonex Open Badminton tournament is this weekend and there will be over 200 participants in the A, B, C and D divisions. P. Riddle also reported the Global Badminton Academy from Pomona area, won 11 of

16 Gold and Silver medals. P. Riddle also mentioned the LA Olympics will be happening soon. P. Riddle also mentioned that BPAC needs a new roof and wanted to know how much it would cost. L. Ignacio reported that it could cost between \$200,00 and \$300,000.

**SD Track Club:** Absent – P. Riddle stated we need to decide to have track or not have track. K. Driggs mentioned we should reach out to them to see if they can send a representative before we vote on eliminating them from the CRG. V. Johnson stated that we should reach out to them first and if there is no response, we will put that on the agenda to vote them out of the CRG in the next meeting.

**Thursday Club:** C. Khouri reported the Rummage Sale exceeded expectations, with the net proceeds over \$220,000, which they distributed during their May Tea. C. Khouri also thanked the staff for all of their support. P. Riddle asked if anyone had something to donate now, could they. C. Khouri responded that they start collecting rummage at the end of summer. She also reported that they were able to give the beneficiaries that received lower amounts more than what they had asked for. C. Khouri also mentioned that all of the beneficiaries have to be 501.c3's.

**SD Pétanque:** A. Santamaria reported that it was his first meeting as president of the pétanque Club. He reported that they have their upcoming tournament on June 8, with people from both LA and Mexico participating in the tournament. A. Santamaria also reported that one of their members will represent the USA in Italy at the World Cup, this September. A. Santamaria wanted to thank the people responsible for making repairs to the Senior building and thanked staff for the cleaning supplies to keep the place clean for everyone. A. Santamaria also stated that there is a qualifying tournament in Florida for a 3-person pétanque team.

**Soccer Kids of America:** K. Driggs reported Futsal is continuing at Muni Gym on Fridays and invited people to come watch. K. Driggs also reported that they have Saturday Futsal at Colina del Sol Rec Center. K. Driggs also reported that they have summer camps in June, July and August at the Golden Hill Rec Center.

**AYSO Soccer:** N. Armstrong reported AYSO Soccer registration opened mid-April. The spring program has been running at Jefferson and McKinley Elementary Schools. N. Armstrong mentioned that AYSO was going to donate money for the GopherX Machine and Little League was going to donate it to parks and rec and it would be used at the start of the season before the donation was made. N. Armstrong did state that he had not been out to Morley Field to check on the conditions and asked M. Hopkins for an update. M. Hopkins stated that he facilitated the delivery of the GopherX Machine to the City staff Walter and Andrew. Walter was to conduct a training for city personnel on how to use Gopher X. N. Armstrong asked if the machine is being used. M. Hopkins responded that it was. N. Armstrong asked about the information that is shared in the CRG meetings, is it then taken up the chain of command and discussed with them. V. Johnson responded that for the most part, the information makes its way to our upper management team but also mention. K. Driggs asked when the season starts. N. Armstrong responded with when the fields open. A. Magdaleno said the fields will open August 11<sup>th</sup>. N. Armstrong reported that games will start after Labor Day. N. Armstrong had a question about

bathroom renovations and will that still happen with the budget cuts. V. Johnson responded that instead of full renovations, the comfort stations would get a facelift. V. Johnson said there is no timeline. N. Armstrong mentioned that Golf Division is getting a \$150,000 for lighting at Mission Bay Golf Course and asked the question is Golf division separate from Parks & Rec. V. Johnson responded with yes they are separate.

**Balboa Tennis Club:** Adam mentioned the Annual Fest on the 4<sup>th</sup>, with 1500 registered players despite inclement weather. Over 1,000 people there and over 70 coaches to help, along with a segment on KUSI. Adam also mentioned that Colleen was awarded the Ben Press Award, for her contribution to Tennis.

**FC Balboa:** B. Thomas (Secretary of FC Balboa Board) stated that they finished tryouts for second season. They are expecting 15 to 17 team's next season. B. Thomas stated that she was very grateful for the city services and would hope there are no cuts to services right now.

**Balboa Park Activity Center:** L. Ignacio stated that BPAC hosted the Dave Freeman Open and Dave Freeman Junior Tournament. BPAC also hosted the annual rummage sale again along with the Greater San Diego Science Fair and the Table Tennis Tournament. L. Ignacio also mentioned upcoming events such as CIF Badminton Finals, City-Wide Volleyball tournament in June and the Little People's badminton tournament in July. L. Ignacio also stated that the Summer Badminton program would be starting as soon as school lets out for the summer and because of that program, there will not be any pickleball in the summertime. Someone asked the dates pickleball will not be at BPAC. L. Ignacio stated that school is out on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for summer break and school will resume August 11<sup>th</sup> with pickleball returning to BPAC on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Municipal Gym/Morley Field:** A. Magdaleno reported that Muni gym is finishing up their 10u and peewee soccer league that is in City Heights She also reported that they had their first ever 12u volleyball team. A. Magdaleno said that the summer programming was starting, and Muni was going to have Futsal teams, basketball teams and Movies in the Park with the first one on June 21<sup>st</sup> and will be showing "Moana", July 12 will be "Inside Out 2" and on August 9<sup>th</sup>, "Lion King."

**Area Manager Report:** V. Johnson II congratulated Adriana Magdaleno was promoted to Center Director III at Municipal Gym. He also announced that Oscar Eusebio promoted to Area Manager at University City Area. V. Johnson also reported that in regard to the budget, there are plans to eliminate the 2 Assistant Recreation Center Director positions as well as a reduction in hours of operation. V. Johnson also reported that there is discussion of a reduction in services, due to the budget. V. Johnson mention that the next proposal is on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May and the final budget will be approved about the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June.

### **Action Items:**

**Consent** (Items are adopted without discussion): No consent items.

**Action Items:**

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

1. Approval to change CRG time or day.

**Motion:** It was moved/seconded (M. Hopkins/K. Driggs) to change CRG day to the first Wednesday of the Month to the second Wednesday of the Month. Motion carried 8/0/0.

Comment: N. Armstrong asked if meetings were bi-monthly or quarterly. M. Magdaleno said it is Quarterly and correction will be made.

**Workshop Items:** None

**Information Items/Announcements:**

1. Policy on Volunteers – P. Riddle reported that if you want to volunteer you can volunteer for several different volunteer opportunities.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

**Motion:** It was moved/seconded (M. Hopkins/N. Armstrong) to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 8/0/0 (Unanimously).

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

**Approved by:** Victor Johnson, Area Manager II

**Next Regular Meeting:**      **Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm.**  
Balboa Park Activity Center  
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