

City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department  
**COLINA DEL SOL COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP**  
5319 Orange Ave, SAN DIEGO, CA 92115 – 619-235-1144

**MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 19, 2025, REGULAR MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sue Richardson, College Community, Chair  
Peaches Turner, Treasurer  
Denise Armijo, Rolando Resident, Secretary  
Daniele Laman, CLLL  
Sidney Michael  
Lynn Edwards, Rolando Park Comm. Council  
Darrell Johnson, East County Surf (on line)  
Jose Lopez, Sunshine Little League (on line)  
Arlette Bianconi, California Soccer (on line)  
Karleen Driggs, Soccer Kids America (on line)  
Ramon Aldana, City Heights Soccer  
Scott Graff, New Vision Urban Impact

**STAFF**

Dave Lee, Area Manager II  
Fernando Jumillas, OCA RCD III  
Ashley Soto-Jimenez, Pool Manager  
Francisco Peralta, D9

**GUESTS**

Shannon Scoggins, City of SD  
Mark Calleran, Assoc. Civil Engineer  
Kevin Oliver, P&R  
Nick Ferracone, P&R (on line)  
Brice Ciabatti, City Landscape Architect  
John Ide, Urban Forester, City of SD  
Dike Anyiwo, San Diego FC (soccer)  
Jerod Huwa, KTUA Sr. Assoc.  
Maria Cortez (resident)  
Johnny Lee Dang (resident)  
Jen Eastman (resident)  
Donnie Eastman (resident)  
Stone Eastman (resident)  
Paul Reams (resident)  
Javier Cardenas (Groundworks)  
Marce Valadez (Groundworks)  
Jack Temple (resident)

**ABSENT**

Lorna Zukas, El Cerrito Community, Vice-Chair  
Sabrina Young, Clay Elementary  
Kara Camden, Rolando Community  
Josh Vonck, East County Surf  
Terry Hoskins  
Joshua Cummings, Mid-City CRO

**CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS** 6:39 call to order

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Moved Sunshine to after Minutes. Denise 1<sup>st</sup>, Daniele 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 ayes, no opposed

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Scott moved approval, Sydney 2<sup>nd</sup>. 10 ayes, no opposed. No abstentions.

**ACTION ITEM** - Sunshine Bernardini Field GDP Concept. Concepts from January meeting was re-presented along with survey results from Groundworks. Presenters included Mark Calleran, Kevin Oliver and Jarod Huwa (KTUA) with goal of obtaining a vote / recommendation for one of the concepts after discussion (limit 2 minutes)

- Excerpts from City Guidelines for Park Design were shared including mandate to provide park space for a variety of user groups and aspects of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, (studies show more user groups throughout the day provides more surveillance) and the Age Friendly Action Plan. Goals include equitable access, and increased diversity of users.
- Survey Monkey results were shared including

- Survey #1 Late 2023 (62 respondents): 51.61% voting multi-purpose sports field as less / least desirable and 33.87% as more / most desirable.
- Survey #2 Early 2024 (23 respondents): 60.87% did not want multi-purpose fields within the outfield areas, while 39.13% did.
- Survey #3 (early 2025): 66.67% voted for Alternate #2; 33.33% voted for Alternate #1. 66.67% votes to include multi-purpose fields; 33.33% voted against them.
- The alternative designs were summarized with focus on the differences and the fields. Alternate #1 would keep the 3 existing baseball fields with little to no change. Preferred Alternate #2 keeps western field as is, fields 2 and 3 are merged to allow for a multi-purpose field to span them.
- Groundworks Survey Results were shared(175 respondents)
  - Concept 1 32% support, 55% opposed, 12% no opinion
  - Concept 2 55% support, 37% opposed, 8% no opinion
  - Concerns voiced included desire for multi-use spaces, and security / surveillance.
- Discussion included the following key points.
  - The baseball fields have been there since the late 1950's but were only dedicated in the early 2000's as a park.
  - The original GDP was reviewed under Chollas CRG. There have been environmental issues...Two CIPs for environmental studies have been identified, may have been reason stopping the previous GDP. Have environmental issues been addressed? Per KTUA there are no concerns regarding environmental on the stormwater side, they have asked environmental multiple times. May need some mitigation for flora. Prelim stormwater studies are done.
  - Daniele shared 2 maps showing that the parcel goes under Fairmount. Per Calleran that may be for stormwater.
  - There are only 5 multi use fields in the City Heights area. Hollywood Park big enough for soccer fields? Have not heard about lack of soccer fields?
  - Budget---can any of this be phased in, rather than wait 20 years to find the money. Per Calleran the estimate is \$23-\$25 million for construction, plus soft costs (about \$5 million). Phasing would cost more in the long run. No money identified right now.
  - Jose Lopez, President of Sunshine Little League, stated that the city is not including the community and that they should come out on site during games to see that they cannot afford to lose parking. Everybody should read through all the comments which support little league. They are still short on fields and have to share one field between two teams for practice. The distance of the park from residences makes it unlikely passerby will use amenities. Calleran responded that the project has been going on for 2 years and that the last survey by the City had only 3 respondents. Mr. Calleran has visited the park a number of times. A fourth field is not feasible due to lack of parking. KTUA noted that the design team has responded to previous requests (added storage, added meeting room, added sloped turf area, plus

raised seating area).

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jen Eastman (Webster)– noted that Webster is a park deficient area and asked about using more trees for shade, storm water as well as the hours of use for the field and if it can be used off season / after hours. The design team noted that they have 170 trees (meets Guidelines). Use off season and after hours is up to the community and City through park programming.
- Johnny Lee Dang – Lives above the hill and has been playing at the park since he was a kid. Noted that users will do what they want even if not delineated. Mr. Dang Would like a trail from Ridgeview down to the park so residents can access.
- Paul Reams (Ridgeview, member of Little League), visits 3–4 times a week for events as well as games and noted that Little League is a cornerstone for the community with no off time. Mr. Reams stated that there is not enough voice from users of the ball fields and that baseball should not be displaced as it has been in other parks. Strengthen what is there, not disrupt it.
- Youth members Javier Cardenas and Marce Valadez from Groundworks Chollas Creek Watershed stated that they want to see more opportunities for green space for families and kids and a cleaner environment for everyone.
- Jack Temple (Webster), grew up playing baseball and would like a normal daytime park as well. Park space is lacking. He noted that there are community members who bike in the area.
- Nicole Lopez (Sunshine Bernardino Board member) stated that a park was approved for Federal Blvd a year or 2 ago and that on surveys the votes for multi-use fields were below parking.
- Kristen Hearst (community member from Webster) – wants access to more green spaces a place for the neighborhood to enjoy as well as allowing Little League to still play. Ms. Hearst noted that a connection to the Oak Park trail is very important (for Leisure Land residents).
- Staff asked for Board recommendation. Daniele moved to approve Alternate #1, Ramon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 5 ayes (Daniele, Ramon, Peaches, Sydney, Scott), 4 nays (Denise, Darrel, Lynn, Jose), 2 abstentions (Carlene, Arlette). Recommendation for Alternate 1 will go to Park and Rec Board (no date yet, typically meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday). Once approved will need to wait for money.

## **WORKSHOP ITEM**

1. Pendleton Elementary Joint Use Field solar panel construction project and upcoming partial closure of JU Field. Presenter, Shannon Scoggins Ms. Scoggins presented an update from the last presentation. There will be a partial Joint Use Field closure May 2025–Feb 2026 for solar panel project.
2. Harriet Tubman Village Charter School Joint Use Field whole site modernization construction project and upcoming partial closure of JU Field. Presenter, Shannon Scoggins Ms. Scoggins presented an update from the last presentation. There will be a partial Joint Use Field closure Spring 2025–summer 2028. Closure letters will be posted on P&R Joint Use with School District's webpage.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Hardy Elementary Joint Use Field GDP Amendment, whole site modernization construction project and upcoming partial closure of JU Field. Presenter, Shannon Scoggins Ms. Scoggins described the project. New configuration will require removal of the baseball backstop, decreasing the recreation value points of the existing joint use facility from 56 to 28. Full closure to be from June 2025–December 2028. The presentation noted community input from the 11/14/24 CRG meeting (off leash dogs, feces on field, removal of existing play equipment and backstop).
  - a. Daniele asked why Hardy is taking longer than the Tubman project.
  - b. It was noted that the Joint Use Area will try to fence off the area and keep discrete from buildings to avoid having public in the school area.
  - c. Sue noted that with the decrease in recreation points that the College Area Community Plan in progress will need to adjust acreage for parks downward and wondered how we can get more emphasis on parks, as we cannot rely on the schools.
  - d. Arlette noted that soccer cannot use schools from 11 to 11... Good for practices but not games.
  - e. Ms. Scoggins noted that it is required to bring the project to the CRG but that the District is paying for and doing the projects. They will go to the P&R Board no matter the CRG comments.
  - f. Daniele made a motion to deny as a way to emphasize that we need more parks, not less, and the project halves the recreational points. Denise 2<sup>nd</sup>. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Carlene, Darrel)
2. Sunshine Berardini Field GDP Concept. Presenter, Mark Calleran

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – (Limited to 2 minutes non debatable)**

- Denise Armijo – shared a flier for Computers 2 Kids program providing free computers to those in need and indicated she can set up a presentation if there is interest.
- John Ide, Urban Forester, City of SD – On April 25 Urban Forestry will plant trees at Colina del Sol for arbor day, and volunteers are needed. Part of the Ready Set Grow program, looking for places to plant trees. A flyer was provided.
- Dike Anyiwo, San Diego Football Club – San Diego FC will do community clean up in the park the day before tree planting.
- Peaches Tuner – Announced a community resource fair April 26 at Henderson Park and Rec on 45<sup>th</sup> street. Giveaways include clothing, food. A flyer was provided.
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## **STAFF REPORTS**

1. Council District 9 – Francisco Vargas Peralta Mr. Peralta had to leave the meeting early, but Daniele stated that he believes it may be beneficial to go monthly with Colina CRG meetings. Francisco has worked to increase participation for CH CRG group.
2. SDPD Community Relations Officer – Joshua Cummings absent

3. Area Manager – Dave Lee
  - a. Fernando is now official Recreation Center Director III for Colina del Sol. There is now a vacancy for Assistant Director position.
  - b. P&R support team now has an electrician on board which should help speed up work.
  - c. Field renovation at Colina starting May 26, 6-8 weeks
  - d. Former Clay Park is now officially Bertha O. Pendleton Park. Full sign will be part of the renovation. The net on the ping pong table needs to be changed out due to name.
  - e. Rolando Park Elementary. Working with arborist to replace trees in upper area.
  - f. North Chollas field looks good, new home plate. Gopher issues.
  - g. Fay – no news
  - h. Ibarra – no news
  - i. Turf at most fields look good
  - j. Chollas back fencing is completed, waiting to fix wind screens.
  - k. Oak Park – no news
  - l. Mann – no news
  - m. Wightman – working with Development Services and Community Officer Cummings re: homeless.
  - n. All Joint use site turf fields were aerated yesterday.
  - o. Colina del Sol has some homeless issues due to weather.
  - p. Proposed golf fencing at ProKids site is at Real Assets. ProKids is in favor of the change and starting the process for a GDP amendment.
  - q. No update on Portia Dawson memorial signage.
4. OCA Recreation Center Director – Fernando Jumillas (Fernando absent) Per David the 10 and under and 12 and Under basketball teams went to finals.
5. Pool Manager – Ashley Soto Jimenez
  - a. Upcoming parent / tot workshop (6 months to 3 years old) will teach water safety education and CPR with a water portion to build up skills. March 29 1:30pm – 3:30pm at Colina and at Kearny Mesa on 4/13.
  - b. Underwater egg hunt will take place at City Heights pool per Daniele

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None

## **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

## **REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES**

## **COMMUNITY REPORTS**

1. Chollas Little League
2. East County Surf
3. California Soccer
4. City Heights Soccer
5. Soccer Kids America
6. Sunshine Little League

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 8:41

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting for the Colina Del Sol Parks & Recreation Group will be held on July 16, 2025. This information will be made available in an alternative format upon request. To request an agenda in an alternative format or request a sign language or an oral interpreter, please call OCA Recreation Center Director III, Fernando Jumillas at 619-235-1144.