

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. RECREATION CENTER  
COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP  
**Public Notice of Minutes**  
Thursday, May 15th, 2025  
**6:00 pm**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Thomas Van**, Chair Person  
**Frances Story**, Vice Chair Person  
**Carmen Miner**  
**Frances Simpson-Lang**  
**Clarence Garner**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Iris Roberson, Treasurer  
Henry Wallace  
Brenda Lesane

**GUESTS:**

**Dwayne Harvey**  
**Armon Harvey**  
**Akili Smith**  
**David Mondy**

**CITY STAFF:**

Angel Contreras, Area Manager II  
Ahtthajiri Bell, Recreation Center Director III  
Michael Marcelino, Assistant Recreation Center Director  
Tosh Knight – MLK Pool Manager – Absent  
Council District 4 Representative – Anna Phounsavath - Absent  
Council District 4 Representative – Tiffany Harrison - Absent  
Mayor’s Office – Korral Taylor – Absent - Absent  
SDPD – Chris Jones, Community Relations Officer - Absent

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm by T. Van.

**APPROVAL OF April 2025 MINUTES:** It was moved/seconded (F. Story/ C. Miner) to approve minutes, approved unanimously.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** D. Harvey, A. Harvey, and A. Smith advocated for field renovations and announced their desire for an intra-innecity CRG unity to know what’s going on all over the Southeast.

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:** T. Van solidified the MLK Jr. Day with the help of members to be Jan, 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

R. Mills announced that she’d contact city officials to rename the park to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center

R. Mills and T. Van expressed the desire for a job board at the park and monthly job training workshops.

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**MLK DAY COMMITTEE:** Set to be hosted on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - \$20k budget < Look into having a high school band or floats.

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 4:** N/A

**MAYORS OFFICE REPORT:** N/A.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Partnering closely with the police department to ensure safety + help from ground maintenance workers to keep park clean and welcoming for all.

**GEORGE STEVENS CENTER:** Fish Fry Fridays – 12pm – 2pm, Senior Center Open from Wednesdays-Fridays

**FRIENDS OF MALCOLM X LIBRARY:** N/A

**SDPD CRO:** N/A.

**PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORT:**

**Area Manager II:** C. Haupt – Reintroduction as returning Area Manager

- Pool closure until June

**Center Director III:** A. Bell – Summer Camp, possible dance classes for youth and adults, MLK Jr. website will be updated, and discussed the uncertainty of the budget cuts.

**Pool Manager:** N/A

**Mtn. View Tennis Center:** Presentation of the updates for the MVTC vision for a new facility

**INFORMATION ITEMS:** Park Renaming from Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**WORKSHOP:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm by T. Van.

· The next Community Recreation Group Meeting will be held June 26, 2025, at 12pm in person at Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center is at 6401 Skyline Dr., San Diego, CA 92114.