

**City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department
Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group
September 11, 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 (4)	Members Absent (1)	Staff Present (6)	Guest (8)
Dotty Giffen President	Sherri Gonzalez	Liliana Barba	Steven Dawid
Mike Grzenia Vice President		Carlos Edington	Eluid Campos
Angelina Bravo		German Fimbres	Gary McGrath
Maria Carranza		Jay Villanueva	Alberto Estrada
		CJ Saldana	Marco Espinosa
		Victor Caymaris	Mary Natividad
			Linda Porras
			Luckie Waller LL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 2025

- MOTION: It was moved /seconded (M. Grzenia/A. Bravo) to accept the June '25 minutes as presented. The motion carried with 3 yeas, 0 nays and 2 abstentions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP

None

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

Officer C. Edington reported the following:

- Read press release from September 3rd regarding two men that were killed in the Nestor neighborhood.

- Beyer Blvd between Coronado Ave. and Del Sol Blvd. has been cleared of vehicles for sale. New city council ordinance has helped with issue.
- Introduced Lieutenant Adam Wells to community group.
- Lieutenant Adam Wells shared he was happy to be at meeting. Attended the National Night Out event at Robert Egger-South Bay.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORTS

Victor Caymris reported the following:

- Inauguration of new playground at Robert Egger-South Bay took place August 22.
- Dumpster drop off event at Montgomery Waller rescheduled to September 27.
- CD 8 received 254 applications for CPPS funding that is given to nonprofits.
- City of San Diego is launching first ever community needs assessment.

80th DISTRICT REPORTS

Liliana Barba reported the following:

- AB105 for additional funding for Tijuana River Valley expected to be voted on tomorrow.
- College Opportunity Fair November 15 at Southwest Highschool. Registration link available.
- October 25 Chula Vista University Town Hall at Southwestern.

HISTORICAL TOPICS

None.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Steven Dawid asked about flood control channel located near Grove Ave. Jay referred Mr. Dawid to Storm Water department.
- Marco Gonzalez shared the Airport will be having tours for the new Terminal 1 on September 14 9-12pm

RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- Welcomed everyone back after a busy summer.
- Was at 6 weeks of Parks after Dark and 3 Summer Movies in the Park.
- All events have been very well attended.
- Getting ready for Halloween events.
- Shared thoughts on recent passing of Alex Gutierrez
- Asked to staff to consider buying new canopies and tables for recreation centers.

Vice President Mike Grzenia reported the following:

- Parks are looking really good.
- Trees that were planted by ready set grow program looking really good.

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE

None.

OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

None.

ATHLETIC REPORTS

Eluid Campos of Nido Aguila reported the following:

- Thanked the community for supporting the club during the difficult time with the recent passing of Alex Gutierrez. Eluid will be taking over as president of the club.

Joan Fouquette of Luckie Waller Little League reported the following:

- Along with other board members in attendance, expressed concerns regarding field conditions.
- Last season, funding was used to laser level infields. Currently fields are allocated to football and soccer.
- Main concern is damage being done to infields. Has photos showing chunks of clay being pulled up. Either by different types of cleats or vehicles that are driving onto infields.
- Currently must use other fields and schools during this time. Petition has been started by parents to have fields allocated for baseball only.
- Little league is happy to share the park with football and soccer. Just need to find a happy medium.
- Area Manager Jay Villanueva appreciated their concern and will discuss with Center Director CJ. Mentioned that during this time, all City of San Diego parks prioritize other leagues/sports per priority.
- Board claims Sunday adult soccer league is driving on infield.
- CJ explained the priority list to board members in attendance.

STAFF REPORTS

Area Manager, German Fimbres reported the following:

- Electric Vehicle charging stations to be installed at Silver Wing Recreation Center.
- Attended preconstruction meeting for Hidden Trails Neighborhood Park. Construction expected to start in mid-October.
- Parks after Dark final attendance numbers. Total attendance for all 17 dates was 5,876 guests. With one night high of 594 on Friday, July 25.
- Fishing trip and Haunted Trails trip will be September 24 and 25.
- Fall camp at Silver Wing and Skate camp at Cesar Solis have 2 sessions. 9/22-9/26 and 9/29/-10/3
- Community needs assessment survey to be administered by 3rd party provider until February of 2026.

Center Director, CJ Saldana reported the following for Montgomery Waller:

- Finished up Softball season. Both team advanced to championship game.
- Flag football has started for pee wee, 10U, and 12U.
- Will be hosting volleyball leagues at Waller.
- Halloween Carnival will be October 24
- Shakespeare in the park will be November 8 in the gym.

- Don Maurer Carnivals would like to host carnival October 16-23.

Area Manager Jay Villanueva reported the following:

- Inauguration of new playground at Robert Egger-South Bay took place August 22.
- In addition to the playground, an adult fitness area was built behind the gym.
- Tree trim crew trimmed all trees at Montgomery Waller. Project took over a month to complete.
- Sunnyslope neighborhood park clean up project. Removed old bushes and plants and will be planting new native plants.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

None

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- Cesar Solis Halloween Event October 21
- Silver Wing Halloween Event October 28
- Montgomery Waller Halloween Event October 24

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

October 9, 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 Jr.
Center Director III

German Fimbres
Area Manager II

Dotty Giffen
President

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